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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.
Travelling has lost its appeal for two young Belgians who set off to Columbia early in December and returned yesterday to their small hometown, Louviers, swearing not to leave it again.
The Belgians boarded the Dutch steamer "Simon Bolivar," which was torpedoed by a German submarine shortly after leaving Rotterdam. They were rescued and brought to Genoa, where they boarded the Italian liner "Orazio," which caught fire off Toulon!—Havas.

TOKYO MAY TRY NEW TACTICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.
Japan may isolate the United States in the Far East by first attacking the United States' probable associates in that region of the world, writes Walter Lippman in the New York "Herald Tribune."

He says that the Japanese are not yielding to United States economic pressure, and by attacking America's friends may place us in a situation in which we may be compelled either to accept their supremacy or fight them in extremely difficult circumstances.

The Democratic powers may be expelled from the Far East if defeated in Europe and the United States will become unable to enforce respect for its interests over the Pacific and Atlantic simultaneously.

He concludes that Senator Vandenberg was absolutely right when he declared last July that settlement of the Far Eastern problem was impossible without the participation of the European powers. —Havas.

NEW MAJOR RED OFFENSIVE ON NORTHERN FRONT

Helsinki, To-day.

WHILE THE OPPOSING forces are engaged in re-organisation after the severe fighting of the past week, reports from all fronts indicate that a new and major Soviet offensive is imminent.

In spite of losses in the campaign totalling some 200,000 men, the Red General Staff is apparently determined to renew the offensives against the Finnish fortified lines which have cost them so high.

Ominous news comes from the Petsamo front, where the Soviets have concentrated at least 50,000 fresh troops, and Finnish Staff officers declare that they expect a greater onslaught in the next week or two.

The Russian plan is expected to be to concentrate overwhelming forces in an attempt to break the Finnish lines and smash through in a southerly direction, while large Finnish forces are tied up on the Lake Ladoga front.

LEAFLETS ON LENINGRAD

Heavy Russian reinforcements have also been sent to the Mannerheim Line area and to the front north of Lake Ladoga.

Meanwhile, Italian volunteers, piloting Italian and British bombing planes, last night flew over Leningrad dropping leaflets.

The flight was separate from the Finnish raid on the naval base at Kronstadt, where warships were bombed.

The Italian airmen report that Leningrad and district was completely blacked out. — Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.
Seven Finnish planes were shot down on Monday, according to a Moscow communiqué. Nothing else of importance occurred at the front. — Reuter.

NAZIS AND VATICAN

Berlin, To-day.
The Nazi authorities confirm that a protest has been sent to the Vatican City about Vatican City broadcasts charging Nazi persecution in German-occupied Poland.

Representatives against the broadcasts were made by the envoy to the Papal See, who contended that such charges closely followed enemy propaganda against the Reich. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST—Fair winds, fresh, fair.

HITLER SPEECH

GENERAL OFFENSIVE PREDICTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Hitler's speech clearly indicates that Germany will launch a general offensive soon, politicians here declare.

Hitler's words regarding the completion of the German military machine are considered especially significant.

On the other hand Italian politicians are surprised at the absence of all reference to the future status of Poland and interpret the silence as a sign that Germany is determined to consider Poland as a conquered country simply annexed to the Reich.

Hitler's explanations regarding the Russian alliance have not dispelled bitter feelings here on that subject, but Italians greeted with satisfaction Hitler's distinction between the "have" and "have-not" countries.

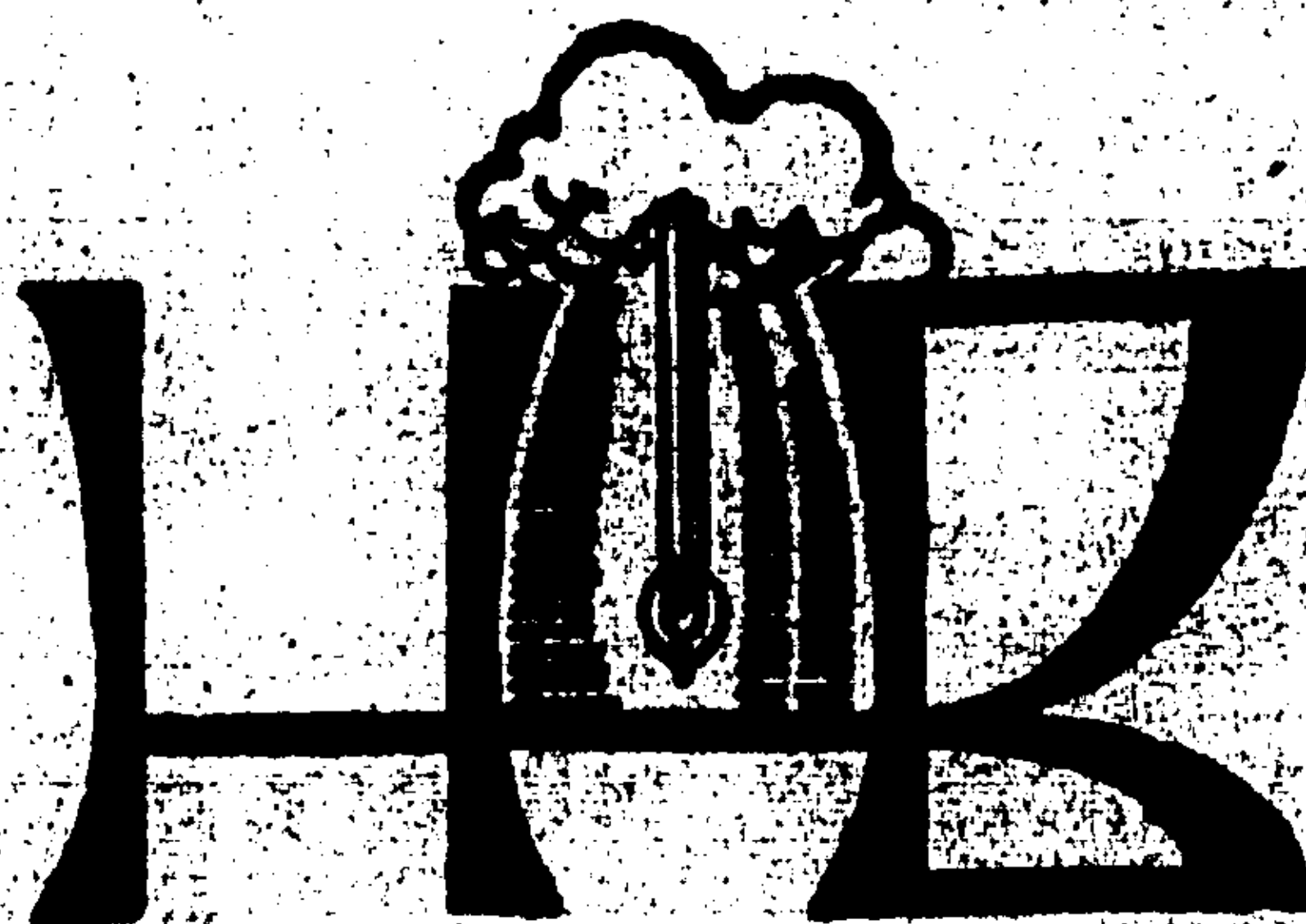
SAME OLD THEMES

In Paris, French politicians did not comment much on the speech, which brought out nothing new.

Hitler developed once more the themes of all Nazi speeches concerning the Versailles Treaty and "Diktat," British hypocrisy and oppression of Germany by the Western countries.

The usual prearrangement of facts (Continued in Preceding Col.)

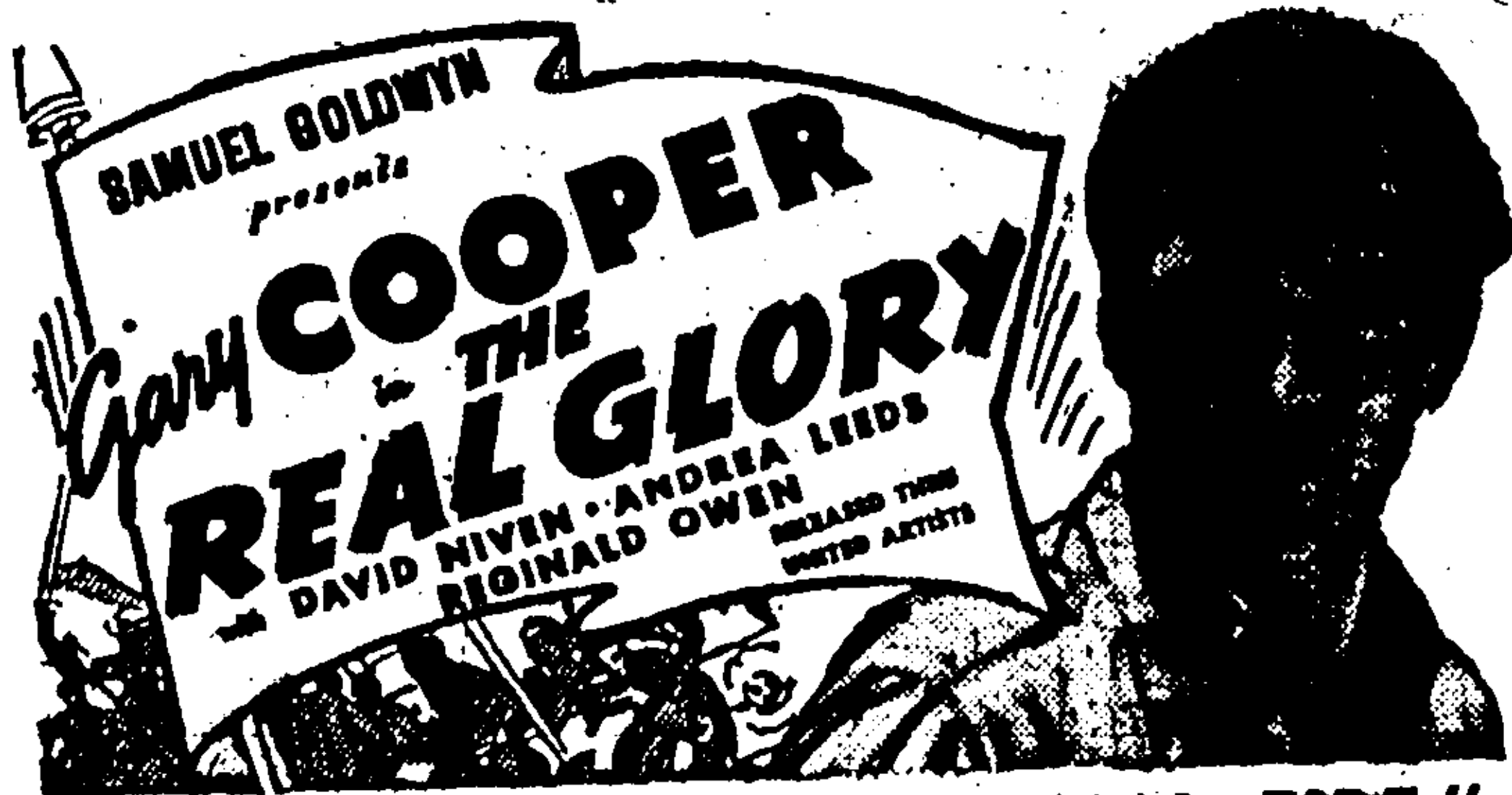
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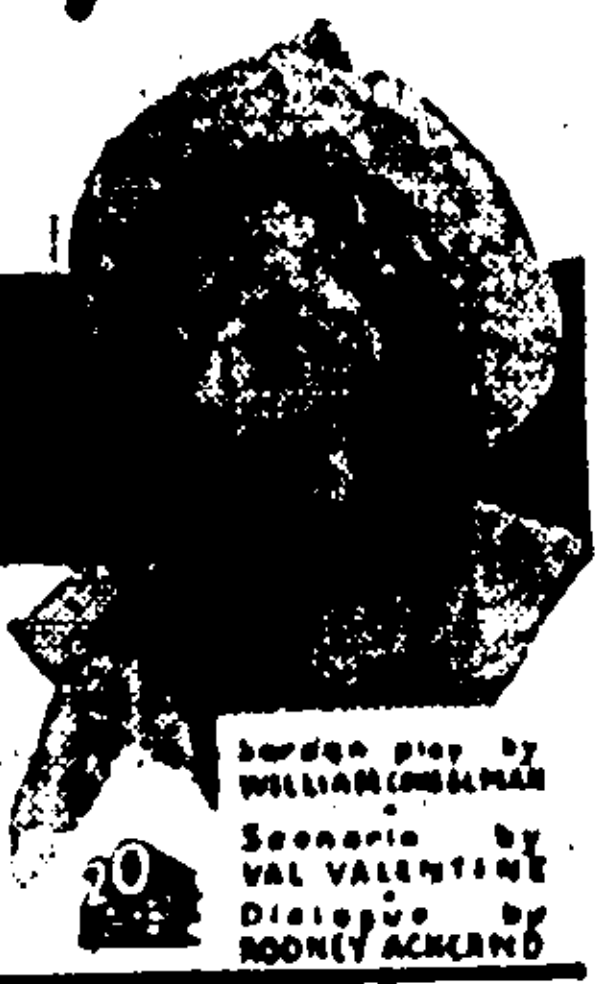
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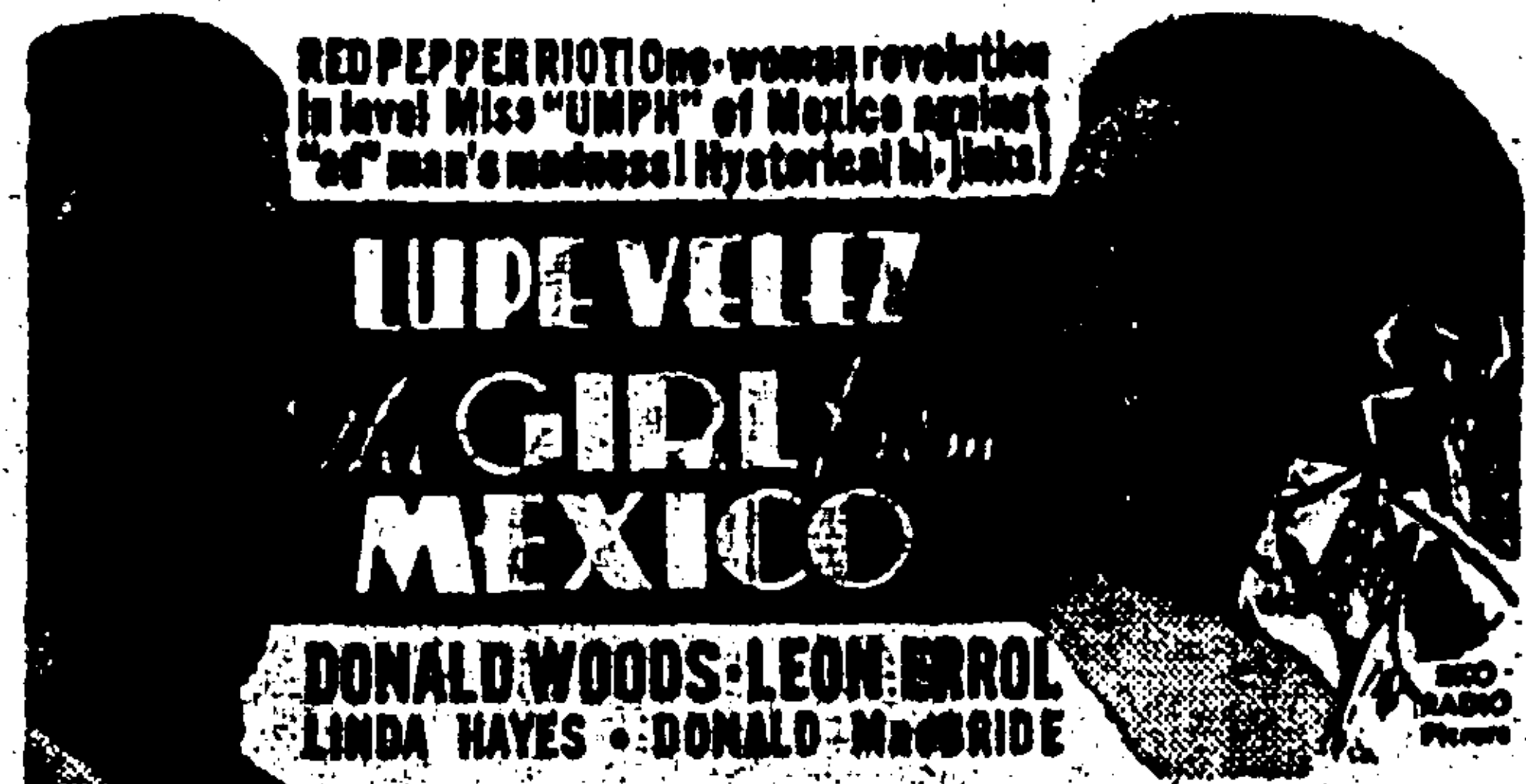
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**U.S. SHIPS
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Washington, To-day.

Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, conferred yesterday regarding British restrictions on United States shipping.

Later Lord Lothian told the press that they discussed the possibility of guaranteeing that United States ships would be exempt from the liability to be taken in British control ports within the "combat area" laid down by the United States Neutrality Act.

The matter is still under discussion.

The prospect of establishing a control port in Canada is also being considered, St. John's, New Brunswick, being mentioned as the likeliest place for such a port.

The talk lasted 35 minutes and Lord Lothian said they had a very friendly discussion on various points. He did not present any reply to the United States Note to Britain which is still unanswered.—Reuter.

Lord Lothian and Mr. Cordell Hull discussed practically all phases of recent Anglo-American relations, and Lord Lothian later admitted that St. John was considered as a possible port for American freighters, but generally he was not communicative.

At a press conference, Mr. Cordell Hull confirmed that the general exchange of ideas and information was an attempt to clarify and iron-out the situation.—Reuter.

**FRENCH CONTROL
SEIZURES**

Paris, To-day.

It is announced that during the week ending January 28 the French Navy stopped 12 ships and seized 21,000 tons of merchandise.

Since the beginning of the war the French have stopped 266 ships and seized 502,000 tons of merchandise.—Reuter.

**TURCO-GERMAN
AGREEMENT**

Rome, To-day.

According to an Ankara despatch received in Rome last night, a Turco-German commercial agreement has been initiated in Ankara.—Reuter.

WAR LOAN BUOYANT

London, To-day.

War Loan touched 99 yesterday for the first time since November, 1938.—British Wireless.

**DANISH SHIP
SUNK WITH
ALL HANDS**

London, To-day.

The Danish steamer Fredensborg (2,094 tons) has been sunk off the coast of Scotland; it is feared that all hands perished.

Danish circles in London state that the Fredensborg was sailing with another Danish ship, the England.

The other ship was sunk by German action and it is thought that the Fredensborg had gone to the rescue of the England's crew when another explosion occurred.

It is not known whether the ships were mined or torpedoed.

Details of the sinking of the British steamer Stanburn show there are only two survivors out of a crew of 28.

Four were actually saved but two died from injuries.—Reuter.

**GANDHI TO SEE
THE VICEROY**

New Delhi, To-day.

Gandhi is to have an interview with Lord Linlithgow, the Viceroy, on Monday next.

Considerable importance is attached to the conversation owing to the critical stage reached in the political controversy in India since the outbreak of the war.—Reuter.

**CONTACT UNITS
ACTIVE**

Paris, To-day.

A French war communique states that there has been marked activity of contact units to the west of the Saar.

In the same region, artillery was active during a large part of yesterday.—Reuter.

WAGE INCREASE

London, To-day.

Nearly a million and a half workers in the building industry will benefit as the result of an increase of pay of a halfpenny an hour from February 1.—British Wireless.

BLACKOUT PRECAUTION

London, To-day.

An order under the Defence Regulations, imposing a speed limit of 20 m.p.h. in built-up areas during the blackout, has now been made by the Ministry of Transport, operating from February 1.—British Wireless.

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JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF IN DAIRY SUPPLY CO. CASE

At the Supreme Court this morning the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor, gave judgment in favour of Mr. G. E. Ahwee, plaintiff in a civil action against the Hong Kong Dairy Supply Co., Ltd., on all points and dismissed the counter claim for damages with costs.

His Lordship said he would give the reasons for his judgment in writing later and would say without hesitation that not one of the four points of alleged misconduct brought by the defence, three of which were withdrawn,—had any scintilla of truth as foundation. The only allegation of breach of duty was when employed by defendants and for his personal gain he, plaintiff, had diverted part of the milk to other sources. When two farmers, witnesses who are put in good faith, say that they signed a paper denying the sale and then say it was a tissue of lies then they cannot be relied upon.

After dismissing the counter claim with costs His Lordship ordered repossession of land and premises, granted mesne profits at \$300 a month awarded \$11,500 for sale of cattle and general damages \$20,000.

An injunction restraining defendants from using the trade name "Kowloon Dairy" and trade mark was issued.

Plaintiffs were also granted costs and immediate execution.

SOLE POINT OF MISCONDUCT

At the hearing this morning Mr. Almada put in another defence that plaintiff knew at the time that defendants were not solvent but this was not granted after Mr. Potter had stated that he denied absolutely any suggestion that his client knew of this.

Continuing Mr. Potter said the sole point of misconduct was diversion of milk. The minute book was not disclosed and the alleged diversion of milk was known to Mr. Dalziel on March 6 and he had said that he had only one witness.

As regards the allegations defendants were aware of same on March 3 but elected to retain the services of plaintiff.

PARTNER TESTIFIES

Ip Kong-hing was recalled and said that he was a partner of the Amalgamated Dairy Co. and plaintiff was a permanent director. It was he, plaintiff who arranged the contract with defendant firm for supply of milk. Defendant company owed \$3000 and were sued but a compromise arrived at later as a counter claim was brought in. At the time Plaintiff strenuously objected to this and resigned as a result and was paid \$2,000 compensation.

Wong Fook, another member of the Amalgamated Dairy said that they did sell milk to others than the defendant company. This began in March. Plaintiff had told them that defendant company were importing cows and would not be in a position to consume all the milk they had. He knew of the Ping On Dairy. It was run by a clerk engaged by plaintiff. Milk from the Amalgamated Dairy was sold there.

Cross-examined, witness said he knew of the contract between his firm and defendant company. It was arranged by plaintiff. He agreed that if defendant company were under contract to take all the milk it did not matter as they would have to take it.

LETTER SHOWN

A letter was shown to witness signed by him and four others stating that no milk had been sold to others than defendant company.

Pressed, witness said that the letter was signed when plaintiff resigned and its contents were not true.

The letter mentioned the fact that no milk was sold to outsiders and was written to Plaintiff as the result of solicitors letter to the four after complaints had been received by Mr. Ahwee of this.

Mr. Potter said that on May 31, a letter was written to the Bank asking for three months' grace. Mr. Dalziel had said that company was insolvent, and that the bank would receive 43 per cent. Plaintiff's property was included in the assets. No mention was made of Mr. Ahwee as a creditor for the debentures but only of him as a creditor for \$5,000. There was no mention on the statement of it being subject to issue of the debentures. The company had made use of the property to swell their assets.

It was a remarkable thing that not a single director was called to justify that.

Mr. Ahwee was a person of truth, had a clean record and had been running the daily farm for 20 years and asked that the two men who signed the letter regarding diversion of milk be not believed.

In conclusion Mr. Potter said his was a simple and clear case and plaintiff was entitled to his property and to substantial damages. He felt that he should say that the persons who make up the company if they desire to do the fair thing by Mr. Ahwee should not try and shelter under the protection of the Companies Ordinance but put their hands in their pockets and that plaintiff should not suffer as he had been without the property for 14 months.

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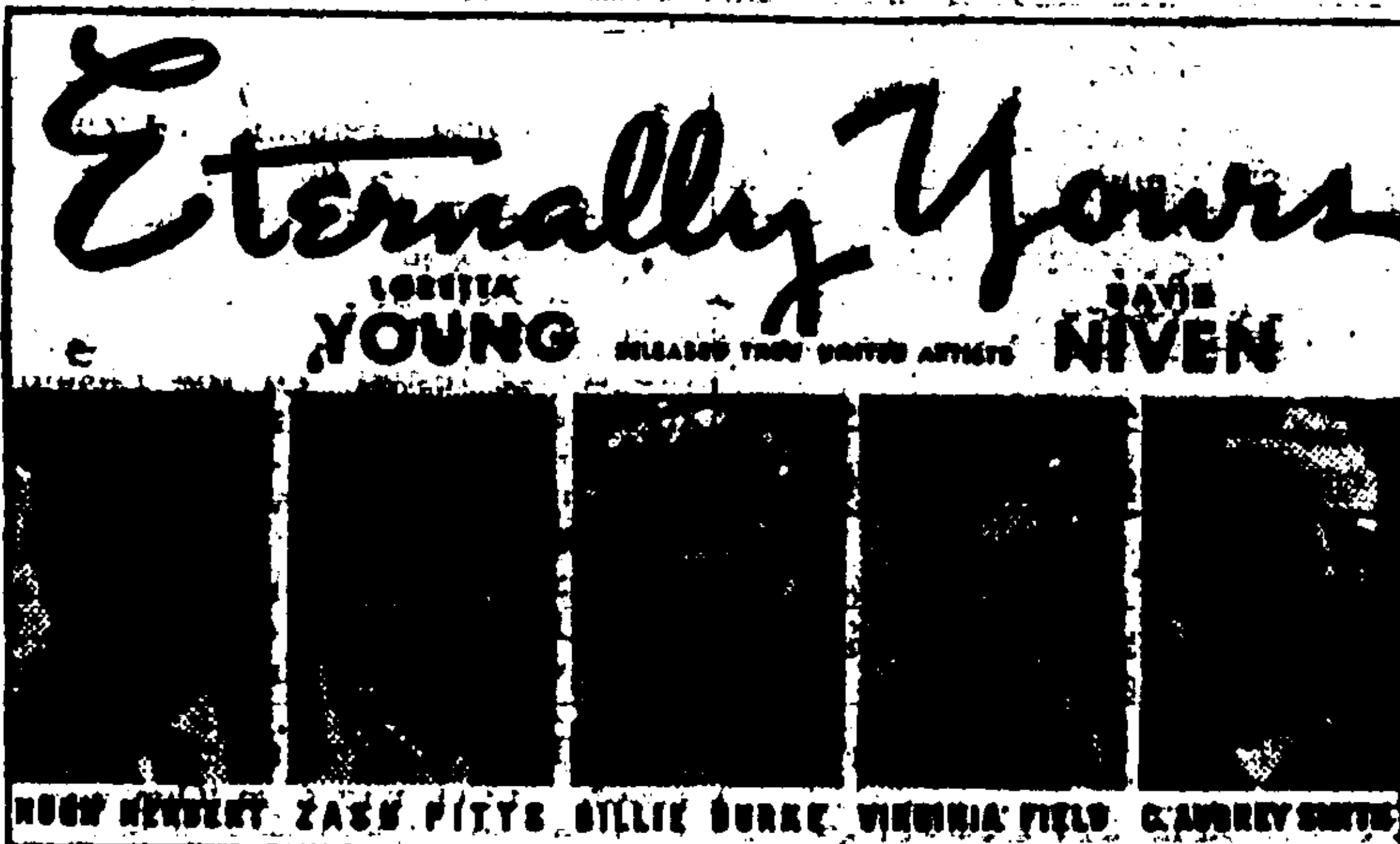
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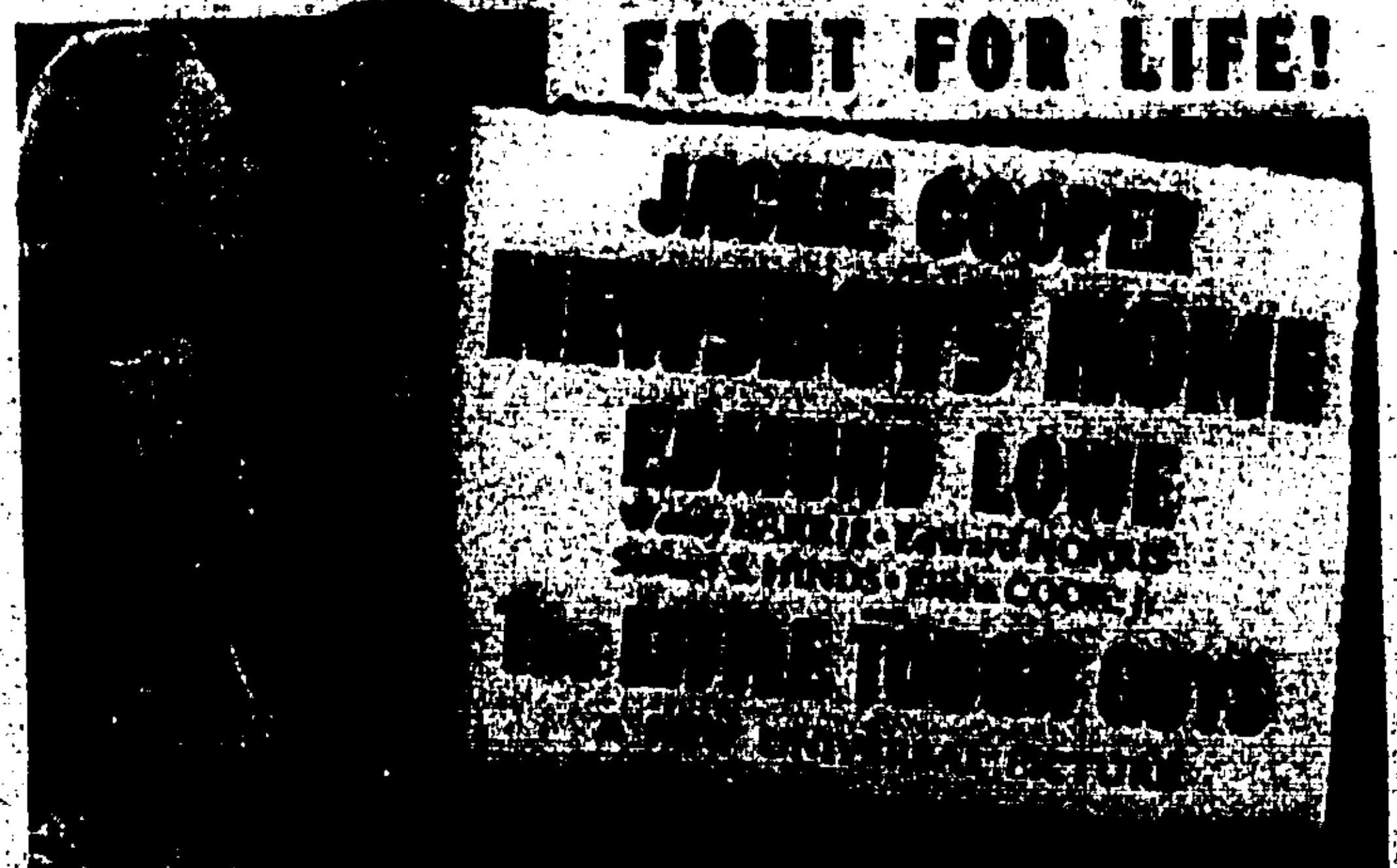
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HITLER SPEAKS**HISTORY AND HYSTERIA***First Speech Since Munich Bomb Explosion***CONCENTRATES ON BRITAIN**

Berlin, To-day.

SPEAKING AT A MEETING at the Berlin Sports Palace last night, to mark the seventh anniversary of the Nazi revolution, Hitler, in his first big speech since the Munich bomb explosion, said there was much talk in the rest of the world about the Democratic ideal but not in Germany. Germans had sufficient experience of the Democratic idea in the past; they had 15 years' opportunity of coming to know the Democratic ideal in its pure form, and they were the only successors of Democracy.

Referring to Britain's "most marvellous war aims," Hitler said Britain was very experienced in the production of war aims, since she was the country which had waged most wars in the world.

"These war aims say the new Europe will have full justice and that this general justice will make armaments superfluous, and therefore general disarmament will follow and trade will then begin to flow, culture and religion will flourish and the Golden Age will come.

"But unfortunately we have been promised this Golden Age a good many times before, and it is the same people who describe it anew to-day.

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be very sorry for these gentlemen who are incapable of finding one new idea to lure our people."

Hitler proceeded to inveigh against the Treaty of Versailles, and declared that no nation had suffered more severely from the economic depression than Germany.

Not one Englishman during those 15 years had remembered Christian love and mercy, and now they were howling from the Bible, but in those days their real Bible was the Treaty of Versailles, each paragraph of which was blackmail and oppression, and the treaty rested on the League of Nations which was built only to compel Germany to obey the treaty.

HE LIKES WINSTON

Hitler called Mr. Chamberlain a pious preacher proclaiming war aims and said: "Nobody can believe him and I don't think he believes himself.

"I like Winston Churchill much better. He clearly says 'Our war aim is to destroy Germany and is possible to exterminate the German people.'

"The first phase of the war has come to an end, and Mr. Churchill is over-anxious to see the beginning of the second phase.

"He expresses the hope that war by bombing may now begin, and this war may not spare women and children.

"Britain has never hesitated to make war against women and children.

LAST FIVE MONTHS

"We know what Britain, and France have done in the last five months but Britain and France appear not to know what we in Germany have done within these five months. Our arms factories are now working smoothly according to plan.

"According to British broadcasts they wish us to believe that there is no more sunshine in England because the whole sky is darkened by squadrons of British planes, that the whole world is only one armed camp working for Britain and that Germany has got only three U-boats left.

"That is very bad not for us but for the others, for after having sunk three U-boats our enemies will have to invent some theory about the resurrection of the U-boats."

COLLECTING WITHOUT PERMISSION

The Police have been instructed to round up a number of factory-girls who it is alleged, are collecting money for war funds, without permission from the authorities.

It is understood that three girls have been detained.

EXMOUTH DEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") London, To-day.

Fifteen bodies were washed ashore on the eastern coast of England, and are believed to be those of members of the crew of the destroyer "Exmouth," which was sunk a few days ago.

Several other bodies were seen floating but heavy seas prevented their recovery.—Havas.

HITLER SPEECH A SURPRISE

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler has sprung another surprise — this time, it is that he was to speak at 7 p.m. G.M.T. last night (3 a.m. to-day, Hong Kong time).

Yesterday was the seventh anniversary of Hitler's "accession to power," but the usual celebrations—a meeting of the Reichstag, a speech by Hitler, public observances, be-flagged streets and so on—were all cancelled.

It was suggested at one time that Dr. Goebbels might try his hand at a spot of oratory. This, too, was cancelled.

Then, at the last moment, Hitler announced he would talk. It will be his first since the Beer Hall Explosion at Munich early in November.

The day of the Nazi accession is usually the occasion for celebrations all day long by the German radio stations; none of them even mentioned it this year.

The German newspapers, however, had long articles about how the "young and virile German people" were forced into a war they did not want—presumably by the decadent democracies.—Reuter.

EXECUTIONS ALL OVER POLAND

London, To-day.

"Executions are going on all over the country at great speed," declared the Paris radio yesterday.

Stating that the Nazis have speeded up the mass expulsion of Poles from German-occupied Poland, the announcer added: "Reckless of the bitter cold thousands of people are being loaded into trains.

"They are not allowed to take food and thus are virtually condemned to death.

"In a wagon transporting children from Poznan, 30 of them were found dead when the train reached its destination."—Reuter.

CHARITY COLLECTORS IN COURT

Lam Ngai, 21, described as a Chinese Government Officer, Ng Cheuk-sang, 20, and Lam Kwok-keung, 24, Chinese Ambulance Attendants, were charged with collecting money for charity without the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

Accused pleaded guilty and stated that they were ignorant of the law. First accused produced a certificate, showing that he was attached to the 4th. Division of the Chinese Army.

They were placed on a \$20 bond; and, three boxes, containing \$8, were ordered to be donated to charity.

Sergeant Mackenzie said that accused came from Shum Chun and that they employed about seven girls to collect funds for Chinese Army at cafes and ferries.

Yesterday, three of the girls were seen in a cafe and arrested.



This is a photo of the girls who were arrested yesterday for collecting money for the Chinese Army without permission of the Commissioner of Police.

UNITY OF THE ALLIED COMMAND

LONDON, TO-DAY. VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE ALLIED WAR EFFORT WERE DISCUSSED BY M. MAUROIS, ONE OF THE PARTY OF FRENCH WAR CORRESPONDENTS ATTACHED TO THE B.E.F. AND NOW VISITING ENGLAND, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESS IN LONDON. HE LAID SPECIAL STRESS ON THE UNITY OF THE TWO NATIONS IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT AND THE COMPLETE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COMMANDS.

He compared the present position when the cooperation of the armed forces of both countries under a single supreme commander had been accepted as a natural and necessary measure with the difficulties over and opposition to this vital unification which arose in the course of the last war.

To-day, M. Maurois said, one heard British troops referring to "our General Gamelin" and no trace existed of the sort of national pride which, by refusing ever to admit faults or limitations in achievements or capabilities of one's own nation has often resulted in impaired efficiency of the Allied strength as a whole.

M. Maurois particularly praised the training of such troops—members of the Tank Corps, flying schools etc.—as he had visited during his present stay in England, and pointed to the typically British way in which such training was carried out—emphasis is always given to practical demonstration rather than to theory.—British Wireless.

RUSSIAN BAN ON RED CROSS

Washington, To-day.

In a letter to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, Secretary of State Cordell Hull says that he has been informed that relief agencies have been denied access to Russian-occupied Poland.

Mr. Hull adds that the American Red Cross is working in association with the German Red Cross in German-occupied Poland. — Reuter.

"LOST" TRAIN TURNS UP IN SCOTLAND AFTER 45 HOURS

London, To-day.

THE INTENSELY COLD WEATHER is still dislocating transport, and railway communication with Scotland is impossible except by the East Coast route.

A new record for the "Longest Delay" was set by a train which reached Glasgow yesterday afternoon after taking 45 hours to do a journey which normally takes 10 hours. This is an extreme example but it shows the kind of difficulties long-distance trains are having.

London suburban trains were bad on Monday and yesterday morning but a normal service was expected from last night.

The railways are giving preference of food and fuel. The L.M.S. announces that a number of coal trains are coming down from the North and something like a regular service should be possible from to-day.

In the meantime, people were asked to economise and not to complain if they could not get exactly the food supplies they wanted at the moment. — Reuter.

STALINISM, AND NOT BOLSHEVISM

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE RUSSIAN ATTACK ON FINLAND IS NOTHING BUT AN ATTEMPT OF STALINISM TO DESTROY THE CIVILISATION OF THE WEST, SAID M. GRIPENBERG, FINNISH MINISTER TO LONDON, IN A SPEECH AT EDINBURGH YESTERDAY.

"Stalinism," not Bolshevism, is the correct expression to use, he said. Stalinism does not even represent Bolshevist ideals.

Stalinism represents nothing but a destructive and despicable will to power. — Reuter.

"NO MENACE TO THE BALKANS"

Belgrade, To-day.

"There is no menace to the Balkans," declared the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Cincar Markovitch, according to the newspaper "Naplo."

The meeting of the Balkan Entente on Friday "will produce no surprise or sensational result," he added.

M. Markovitch said disturbing rumours now current were without foundation.

He continued: "It is necessary for the Balkan countries to collaborate in the economic field, as the war is being conducted by economic means and the Balkans are the crossroads of the Continent."—Reuter.

NEW WAR FUND

Calcutta, To-day.

When the East India Fund for British War Services was launched at a luncheon of Calcutta businessmen yesterday, nearly £10,000 was immediately subscribed.

The Royal Calcutta Turf Club gave £7,500.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT INTERNMENT PROPOSALS

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

With a view to making the internment regulations uniform, the Pan-American Neutrality Commission sitting here has drawn up proposals which will be recommended for adoption by all participants to the recent Panama conference.

Under these proposals, every neutral state shall intern until the end of the war persons belonging to the belligerents who arrive in a neutral state either individually or collectively.

Vessels considered as war auxiliaries shall be included in this agreement.

Wounded or sick of belligerent powers may be permitted to pass through neutral territory. Wounded or sick brought by an enemy shall be interned.

Belligerents who are victims of wrecks shall be interned.

Individuals physically incapacitated from participating in the war will not be interned. — Reuter.

SWEDISH NEUTRALITY

London, To-day.

In a reply to a Commons question the Minister of Economic Warfare said the Swedish Government had proclaimed their neutrality and he had no reason to believe that they are treating either belligerent except in strict accordance with its terms.—British Wireless.

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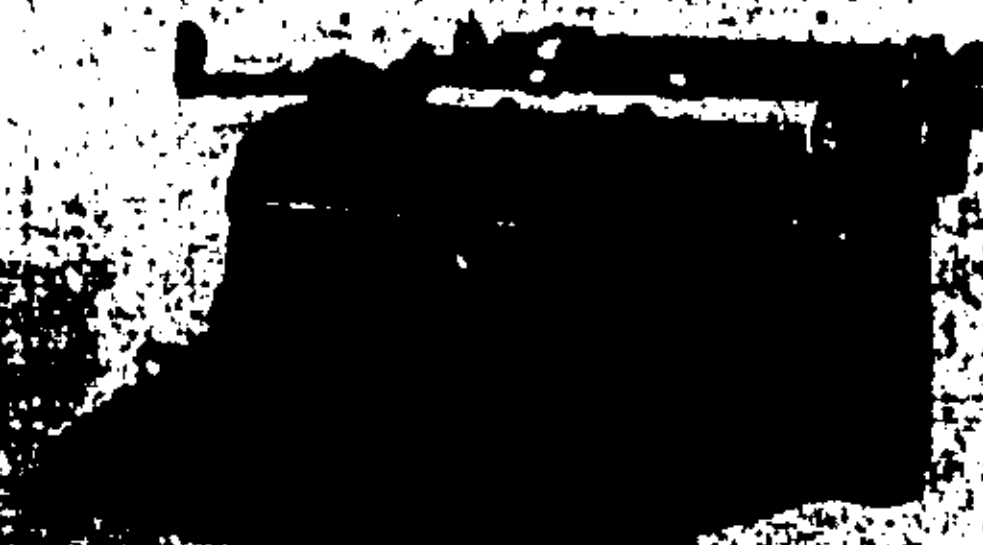
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LONDON, TO-DAY.

NAZI AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY REPEATED THE ATTACKS THEY MADE ON MONDAY ON BRITISH AND NEUTRAL SHIPPING IN BRITISH WATERS; ON MONDAY, THEY ATTACKED WITH BOMBS AND MACHINE-GUNS 10 MERCHANTSHIPS AND 12 LIGHT-SHIPS.

Few details are as yet known of yesterday's attacks, but at least one Nazi 'plane was shot down and another Heinkel had its rear gun put out of action before it escaped into the clouds.

The only ship so far reported lost yesterday is a small ship of less than 1,000 tons, the Jersey Queen, whose S.O.S. was heard by radio sets on shore. She reported that another ship was being attacked nearby. A lifeboat put out to the rescue.

Several Grimsby trawlers were machine-gunned and bombed but none was lost. The skipper and mate of one trawler were killed by machine-gun fire.

TRAWLER HITS BACK

Explosions and gunfire were heard in Great Yarmouth at 5 p.m.

An enemy plane attacked a British trawler, which fired back and drove off the plane, making her way into harbour undamaged.

A Heinkel bomber swooped down on a patrol vessel which began to zig-zag.

HIDE-AND-SEEK

Two bombs were apparently dropped and water was thrown up but the ship did not appear to be damaged and continued as the plane made off.

The Nazi planes appeared to be playing hide and seek in the clouds with R.A.F. planes, which earlier had driven off another big grey plane.

After they had chased the first one out to sea the other appeared further south.

ONE DOWNED

The Air Ministry announces that an enemy aircraft was shot down by R.A.F. Fighter Command aircraft off the East Coast early in the afternoon.

Reuter is authoritatively informed that the plane was downed off the coast of Northumberland.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON SHETLANDS

London, To-day.

Three German warplanes dropped 12 bombs but all fell in the sea, states the latest report from the Shetlands, which were unsuccessfully attacked on Monday.

There were three attacks, each made by one machine, and one attack was a determined dive to a low height.

The enemy planes encountered a terrific barrage from A.A. guns on sea and land. — Reuter.

RAIDERS SURPRISED

London, To-day.

German raiders received a surprise when for the second day in succession they tried to attack shipping yesterday morning along a 500-mile British coast. It is stated.

The raiders retired, leaving one bomber in the sea and another disabled.

Owing to the fact that Europe is in the grip of the severest winter for 46 years, the German Air Staff no doubt assumed that Britain's fighter force would be immobilised.

But from Aberdeen to the Kentish Coast, the fighter and coastal commands were ready to drive off German raiders, 20 of which flew in towards the coast looking for unarmed British and neutral merchant ships.

A number of merchant vessels and lightships were attacked.

CONVOYS ATTACKED

Some of these were in convoy and naval escorts drove off the enemy with anti-aircraft fire.

From a North England fighter station, two pilots went off at mid-day and, despite poor visibility, brought down a Heinkel bomber which had been trying to destroy a helpless fishing boat.

At almost the same time, another Heinkel was intercepted by fighters off the Firth of Forth as it was trying to bomb a merchant ship. One of the fighters fired a burst of bullets that put the German rear gunner out of action before the Heinkel dived into a cloud.—Reuter.

AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announced at two o'clock yesterday afternoon: "The enemy are repeating the widespread attacks on East Coast shipping which they undertook yesterday.

Reports so far to hand indicate that early this morning reconnaissance aircraft appeared off the East Coast but disappeared out to sea on the approach of R.A.F. fighters.

Enemy aircraft attacked shipping off Yarmouth but was pursued by fighter and coastal patrol aircraft with results which are not yet known."

Half an hour later the Ministry announced: "An enemy aircraft was shot down by R.A.F. fighter command aircraft off the East Coast shortly before one p.m. to-day."

A further bulletin at 3.15 stated: "With its rear gunner out of action another Heinkel escaped into the clouds off the Scottish coast after being intercepted by a Royal Air Force fighter aircraft at midday"—British Wireless.

NO BABIES IN 1961

New York City, To-day.

If New York's birth-rate continues to decline at its present rate, it is possible that no children will be born in the city in 1961.

This imaginary possibility is contained in a report issued by the Health Commissioner.

In 1900, the birth-rate was 35.7 per mille; last year it was 13.5 per mille.—Reuter.

AIR CHIEF'S TOUR

London, To-day.

Air Marshal Barratt, Chief of the British air forces in France, yesterday toured R.A.F. aerodromes behind the western front.—Reuter.

PRESS COMMENT

NAZI AERIAL BARBARITY

London, To-day.

The British press yesterday commented bitterly on the growing burden of sacrifice caused to neutrals by the Nazi sea war, which is considered proof of the essential evils that the Allies are fighting and that Finland is fighting as well.

Some papers also stress that the economic front must be strengthened before the Allies can achieve their aims.

"The Times," after giving details of the Nazi air attacks on neutral shipping on Monday, says:—"These barbarities, revolting as they are to all who are swayed by conscience, religion or a sense of human obligations, are indications of the evil spirit which is in the ascendant in Germany."

Although Dr. Goebbels's propaganda machine may try to conceal all this, "The Times" continues, the cloven hooves cannot be concealed. The Nazis at sea show what Nazi-ism really is, and nothing could more clearly demonstrate the need, if the world is to be brought to peace, for untiring perseverance until the evil is overcome.

HOPE OF IDEALISTS

The Labour paper "Daily Herald," referring to the "epic, though bitterly tragic tale of the Finns," says that more is frozen on the northern battle-fronts than the bodies of the Finnish and Soviet dead—the hopes of some idealists in the Soviet system and the prestige of the Red Army have grown cold.

The paper supports "The Times" in the view that every free nation must do its utmost to help Finland.

"The Times" also emphasizes what has also been emphasized by the

BALKAN ENTENTE CONFERENCE

Ankara, To-day.

M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, left Ankara yesterday afternoon at the head of the Turkish delegation to the conference of the Balkan Entente at Bucharest. En route, he will visit the Bulgarian Prime Minister.—Reuter.

EXTORTION CHARGE

Alleged to have conspired with two others not in custody to extort \$1,000 from Chan Sek, Ho So, 46, proprietor of the Wing Hing Garage of No. 6, O'Brien Road, Wanchai, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning. Accused was remanded for 48 hours on \$2,500 bail.

Inspector Hopkins appeared for the prosecution.

BING CROSBY IN HOSPITAL

Los Angeles, To-day.

Bing Crosby, crooning star of screen and radio, has been taken to hospital suffering from appendicitis.

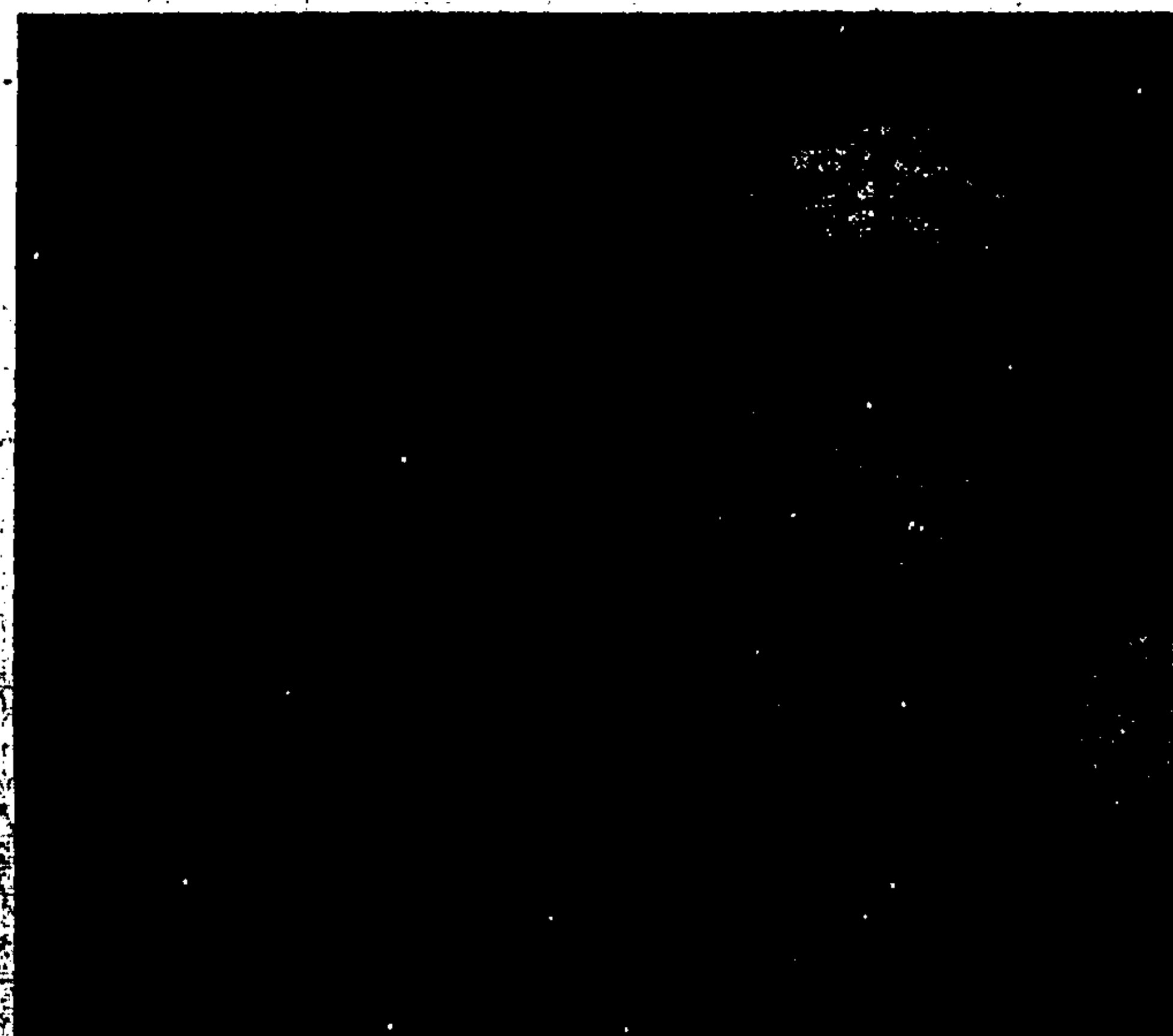
His doctor says an operation may not be necessary.—Reuter.

"Manchester Guardian" and other papers—that the economic and financial difficulties which we are involving the enemy in are not sufficient by themselves.

ECONOMIC FRONT

Positive and drastic steps are necessary to organize our own economic and financial effort.

The "Daily Telegraph" deals with a little-publicised work, the work of the salvage department of the Ministry of Supply. The paper says that all local authorities should be as efficient as Birmingham, which makes £25,000 a year by using up the contents of garbage cans and waste-paper baskets. The needs of the national effort call for a more vigorous salvage department, says the paper.—Reuter.



FINNISH PLANES RAID KRONSTADT NAVY BASE

Retaliation For Monday's Red Bombing Horror

HEAVY TOLL TAKEN BY SOVIET BOMBERS

Helsinki, To-day.

A "CERTAIN HARBOUR and railway stations behind the Soviet lines" have been bombed by Finnish aircraft. One report says that the harbour is Kronstadt.

No less than 800 bombs were dropped in 33 different places by the Soviets on Monday, and at least 33 were killed and 60 injured. There was heavy material damage.

At least 21 Soviet bombers were shot down by Finnish pursuit 'planes and anti-aircraft batteries.

Abo again suffered a lot. A tram was hit just as the passengers were getting out; seven were killed. Nearby, two women were killed as they crossed the street.

RED CROSS ATTRACTION

A Finnish communique says that the Soviets not only bombed unprotected towns and country homes but again machine-gunned civilians and bombed hospitals and hospital trains.

In some areas, Finnish military commanders have ordered the removal of Red Cross markings from hospitals as they now believe that the sign of mercy merely makes the position of the hospital more dangerous. — Reuter.

WORST DAY

Helsinki, To-day.

All through the night reports of Monday's air raids poured into Helsinki from all over southern Finland. Right along the coast from Viborg, east and west, come fresh revelations of horror and destruction making what may prove to be Finland's worst day of air raids hitherto.

Nothing seems to have been spared, and in addition to towns and villages, isolated farms and peasants' homes were ruthlessly attacked.

200 PLANES

It is announced that between Jan. 21 and 27 some 3,000 bombs fell in Finland killing 24 and wounding 56 in 46 different localities, the objectives including two hospitals.

It is estimated that 200 Red planes flew over Finland in the raids on Abo, Hangoe, Tamminari and coast towns on the Gulf of Bothnia. The Nurmes district was bombed several times.

"CERTAIN HARBOUR" RAIDED

According to first reports more than 30 civilians were killed and 50 wounded.

The Finnish air raid on "a certain harbour" was carried out on vessels lying in the port. Finnish planes also bombed Soviet motor-lorries, transport columns, troop quarters and railway stations.

Twenty-one enemy planes were shot down and one Finnish plane lost. — Reuter.

NAVAL BASE BOMBED

Paris, To-day.

The Havas correspondent at Helsinki is authorised by Finnish headquarters to disclose that the port mentioned in the Finnish communique as having been bombed by Finnish War-planes was the naval base of Kronstadt.

It is added that Kronstadt, which is only 20 miles from Leningrad, had not been bombed previously. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S TRANSPORT SHORTAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The importance of the Clodius Mission is seen by the fact that he is prolonging his stay here and it is an evident sign of Germany's desire to develop relations with Italy.

Quarters close to the Italian Foreign Ministry revealed that the German-Italian discussions are centring around two main points; firstly, the question of rolling stock; and secondly, the question of coal deliveries.

Badly lacking railway carriages, Germany, they stated, wishes to purchase from Italy at least those Italian carriages which are at present on the German railway net.

COAL NEEDS

The Reich also wishes Italy should herself transport German coal which until lately covered over 50 per cent. of Italian requirements.

While Italy badly needs German and British coal, German freighters are blocked in German ports; and since the war British shipping companies have refused to carry out transports of all British coal exported from Britain.

Italian shipping is not sufficient to carry out all quantities of coal needed by Italy who therefore must largely rely on the Brenner Railway. — Havas.

MINES WASHED UP

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SEVERAL MINES WERE WASHED UP ON THE BRITISH COAST ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

Yesterday, one mine breached a sea-wall and the explosion broke windows over a wide area, pieces of the mine being found in streets 300 yards away from the sea front.

Another came ashore without exploding and has been rendered harmless. — Reuter.

ANOTHER NETHERLANDS PROTEST

Amsterdam, To-day.
The Netherlands Government has protested to Berlin over the violation of Dutch territory on Monday by German 'planes'.
The 'plane flew over central and north-eastern Holland and were chased off by Dutch air patrols. — Reuter.

FILM STARS LUNCH WITH ROOSEVELTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S 58TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY WAS GAILY CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AT FUNCTIONS AND DANCES FOR VICTIMS OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

The President lunched with several movie stars who arrived in the capital for a gala function.

Dorothy Lamour, Elsa Lanchester, Olivia de Havilland, Tyrone Power and others attended the White House lunch. — Havas.

ROBUST HEALTH

Washington, To-day.

A little greyer, and with the lines on his face more deeply etched, President Roosevelt yesterday reached his 58th birthday.

He looked the picture of robust health, however, as he received scores of guests at the White House during the day.

At 11.30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

EMPIRE GREETINGS FOR R.A.F.

London, To-day.

The Royal Air Force has received greetings from the air forces of Canada, Australia and New Zealand on the start of the Empire Air Training scheme.

The message from Canada reads:—
"We are looking forward with the keenest pleasure to sharing with the Royal Air Force, the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal New Zealand Air Force the heavy responsibilities of the British Commonwealth air training scheme."

It is pointed out in London that Canada was not chosen for the central part of the scheme solely for her geographical position or for the facilities of her wide, open spaces. Still more important is the fact that Canada can produce every metal now used for aviation science. She will be able to provide about 60 per cent. of the total cost of the scheme, costing £120,000,000.

In addition to aluminium for air frames, molybdenite for steel hardening and coal for general power, Canada has large quantities of radium for manufacturing instruments; aircraft play their part in getting the radium, for it comes from the Arctic Circle.

Furthermore, Canada has large supplies of materials needed for ammunition and, a fact seldom realised, she is the leading nation in the world for carriage by air of freight and mail. — Reuter.

yesterday (12.30 p.m. to-day, Hong Kong time), he was to broadcast over a nation-wide hook-up. — Reuter.

RUSSIANS STILL HELD UP ON LADOGA FRONT

Helsinki, To-day.

SOVIET ATTACKS NORTH-EAST of Lake Ladoga are fewer and weaker. Fighting is still centred on four major points, but the Finns are in possession of strong positions and can launch successful counter-attacks. Deep snow is restricting the movements of Soviet tanks.

A Finnish fort on an island near the north-east shore of Lake Ladoga has effectively shelled the Russian rear lines. Soviet forces have tried to capture the fort, and several hundreds were killed on Monday on the frozen lake.

The vital importance of personal initiative was emphasised by Marshal Mannerheim when he presented awards to 2,500 Finnish soldiers. — Reuter.

1,250 DEAD

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish communique says that a few Red attacks north-east of Lake Ladoga were repulsed with heavy enemy casualties. Two Russian tanks were destroyed.

Enemy sea attacks on Mantees fort, supported by aircraft and artillery, were repulsed.

On the Karelian Isthmus the Finnish coastal forces silenced several enemy batteries.

It is stated that 1,250 Russians were killed on the front on Sunday. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TO CONFER

Shanghai, To-day.

A conference of Japanese Consuls-General, in Japanese "occupied" areas and leased territory in China, will shortly be held here, according to Japanese official sources.

Several prominent Japanese Government officials have arrived from Tokyo to attend the meeting. — Our Own Correspondent.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

SUPREME ENEMY

Suggestions (doubtless the offspring of German propaganda) have been appearing abroad that events might tend towards the formation in Europe of an anti-Bolshevik block which could fittingly include both Germany and Britain. Such stories are the merest moonshine; they would not be looked at by anyone who has the remotest sense of realities—or of the danger in which this country stands from Germany. There can be no peace, no security, no hope for Europe or for us without the defeat of Hitler. Or, to take another alternative that is being discussed, it might well suit Hitler's book to bring Russia into his war against us and France, but it is not for us to do what might suit Hitler but only what we feel sure will, immediately or ultimately, help us to overcome our supreme enemy. That is not to say that the League at Geneva cannot find, and recommend, substantial ways of helping Finland, Sweden, and behind her Norway, have their own problems in this matter, but unquestionably they will be disposed to do more to assist Finland if they find that the rest of the League Powers are also helping according to their means and opportunities. The League can do what it did in 1937-8 regarding Japan and China. It then called on the signatories of the Nine-Power Treaty and on League members generally to give what individual help they could to China. (It is necessary to add that Soviet Russia gave more help than anyone). The League could make the same appeal again with more hope of success. No one who gave help would be taking part in "war"; Stalin says so (if not Litvinoff).—"Manchester Guardian."

"PLAYING POLITICS" IN INDIA

It is a very short-sighted infatuation that has prompted the Congress leaders in India to use the war as an opportunity for "playing politics." The emergence of a democratic Constitution for all India depends absolutely on the 80,000,000 Moslems acquiring confidence in the good will and good faith of the majority. Congress co-operation with the Government at this juncture would have gone a long way to establish that condition. The effect must be quite the reverse when the Moslems see Congress ready to sabotage self-government in the Provinces for ulterior ends.—"The Observer."

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

The Soviet's lack of success against her little neighbour must needs give rise to intriguing speculation. How far did the defeatist conduct of her leaders contribute to the total collapse of Poland's resistance against the Nazis? Had they stuck to their posts would not the rank and file have fought to the last ditch rather than succumb comparatively easily to the invaders? The answer is obvious. The unyielding determination of President Kallio and Field-Marshal Mannerheim not to place their personal safety before their country's freedom has made the valiant Finns doubly valiant. The Russian steam-roller has been checked by its progress not by superior numbers nor by immense armaments but by sheer courage. The closest historical parallel to the present conflict in the Baltic area comes from the Middle Ages when the Swiss won their freedom from the almost invincible armies of the Holy Roman Emperor.—"Ceylon Observer."

A CRUSHING VOTE

By an overwhelming majority the Durham miners have voted in favour of Labour's policy of resistance to aggression. The free vote of 714 to 21 speaks for itself. It shows once again where the British working class stands amid the present international chaos and crime. It stands where it stood last year, and the year before that, and every year since British Labour found political expression. It does not alter its convictions with the winds of political opportunism, and it does not break its pledged word at the very moment when that word has to be honoured with deeds.

No. British Labour, like Mr. Roosevelt and all the other forces of reason and order in the world, understands that the faithful execution of undertakings democratically accepted is the only guarantee of progress. Therefore British Labour is determined to resist the aggressor and law-breaker in the international field as well as in the industrial field. Neither the Durham miners nor the rest of the British working class will waver in this determination until Hitlerism is utterly extinguished.—"Daily Herald."

THE DUTY OF SAVING

The Chancellor of the Exchequer made an attempt the other day to help those who have been bewildered by apparently contradictory advice on the subject of spending and saving. They have at different times been asked to do both. Sir John Simon explains that in the early days of the war spending as usual was the right policy. But now that the war industries have expanded, he says, the important thing is to help export trade. Excessive claims upon the home market might not only deplete the supply of raw materials necessary for exported goods but cause a rise in prices. But the spend or save problem cannot be answered so simply. The Chancellor admits a conflict of arguments. It is important to keep the home trade going. Would it not be possible to give the ordinary citizen with no knowledge of economic laws some definite guidance on how to distinguish the kinds of spending that are helpful to the State from those which are not?—"Manchester Guardian."

THE BALKANS TURN ?

The probabilities are that Germany has agreed to support Russian endeavour to wrest Bessarabia from Rumania. That would mean a further incursion by the Soviets into the Balkans, which it has been stated, time and again, it is the Italian intention to resist. If indeed there is such a plan in existence its execution would amount to another betrayal of Italian adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact. The significance of the reported plan is that it embraces the idea of Russian expansion into the Balkans with the consent and approval of Germany, and the important point which arises is as to whether Italy would resist such expansion sponsored by its partner in the Rome-Berlin Axis. Obviously, opposition to Russia is one thing, and opposition to a combined Germany and Russia is an entirely different matter. It has to be emphasised that the plan is only reported, that at present there is no confirmation, but it follows so closely along the lines of other German betrayals of Italy that it is by no means improbable, and in any case, it is extremely likely.—"North China Daily News."

PREPARED FOR PEACE

There is a demand for expert thinking, and I would suggest that the Government should satisfy that demand by the appointment of a strong committee to investigate certain definite problems, expert information upon which would be invaluable to any Peace Conference that may, perhaps suddenly, be called upon to produce the new world.—"Lord Escher."

NAZI MURDER RAID ON HELPLESS SHIP

GRIM STORY TOLD BY SOLE SURVIVOR OF BRUTAL ATTACK

London, To-day.

THE FULL STORY of the attacks by German bombers upon a defenceless lightship, in which seven of his comrades perished when within a short distance of safety, was told by the sole survivor of the crew of the East Dudgeon (No. 61) lightship who was washed ashore on the East Coast early yesterday.

Having sprayed the lightship's decks with machine-gun bullets and dropped bombs, the last of which hit the vessel, the raider made off, the crew of eight having taken to a small boat.

FIRST ARMY CASUALTY LIST

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE FIRST BRITISH ARMY CASUALTY LIST OF THE WAR IS TO BE PUBLISHED TO-DAY. IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. OLIVER STANLEY, THE WAR MINISTER, SAID THAT LISTS OF CASUALTIES WILL BE PUBLISHED AT INTERVALS ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

They will cover all stages of operations and generally will not refer to particular engagements. There would be no indication of the precise date or circumstances, and no names will be given until the next of kin have been informed.

To-day's list will cover the period from the beginning of the war to December 31. There are 40 names, including wounded. The list will also give the names of 700 men who have died from accidents or disease at Home or overseas during the same period.

Expressing his sympathy with the relatives, Mr. Stanley pointed out that in relation to the period covered, the number of deaths is not unduly large. — Reuter.

758 NAMES

London, To-day.

The first list covers all names to Dec. 31 and comprises 758 names.

Of these 719 died, one died of wounds, 24 were wounded and one missing, and 13 were killed.

The deaths included three women, of which one was a nurse and two members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

The killed include three officers, five N.C.O.'s and men and also one missing, all of whom were on board the "Yorkshire," sunk in the Atlantic.

Fifty-seven officers appear under the heading "died".

Heavy sufferers from deaths include 53 Royal Corps of Signals, 150 Royal Artillery and over 70 Royal Engineers.

The casualties include home service defence forces. — Reuter.

It is pointed out (adds Reuter) that 719 died on active service from accident or disease and only 40 British soldiers have been killed or wounded in action.

ANTI-RED PACT DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Italian authorities deny that Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, suggested to the Japanese Ambassador the conclusion of a new anti-Comintern pact. — Havas.

Seventeen hours later the stricken crew heard breakers on the English coast, but only two were strong enough to row and only one had the strength to struggle ashore.

CRAWLED OVER SANDHILLS

Later the bodies of the seven others, with their overturned boat, were found on the beach.

The survivor summoned his remaining strength, crawled over the sandhills to a house, forced the door and found blankets, in which he wrapped himself.

He was discovered several hours later, his hands still numb with cold and suffering from exhaustion, but sufficiently recovered to tell his story. — Reuter.

VIRULENT RED ATTACK ON ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

A most virulent article published in the "Pravda" alleges that Italian reports on military operations in Finland speak of imaginary Finnish victories.

The paper stated: "Italian journalists follow up the path built up with lies and calumny along which they were preceded by bribed scribblers paid by France, Britain and the United States."

"The Stefani News Agency merely imitates, in grosser manner, the notorious French Havas News Agency."

"Adowa, Caporetto and Guadalajara are war traditions of the Italian Army." — Havas.

SWEDISH MEASURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

General Thornell, Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Army, has requested the Government to take preparatory measures for the organisation of a voluntary Defence Corps to be controlled by the military authorities.

Many labour organisations in Stockholm have created a committee to encourage workers to enrol as voluntary rifemen with the view to participating in the defence of Sweden. — Havas.

BRITISH PROTEST IN TIENTSIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is understood that the British Consul-General in Tientsin is making representations to the local Japanese authorities against the electrification of the barbed wires around the British Concession. — Havas.

DEVONPORT ESPIONAGE CASE

London, To-day.

Two men, Claude Felix Pierre Duvivier, born in Belgium and a naturalised Briton, and William Alexander Crowle, an employee of Devonport Dockyard, were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Exmouth yesterday.

Part of the case was held in camera.

Duvivier was charged with being in possession of a document which might be useful to the enemy under the Emergency Powers Defence Regulations.

Crowle was charged with communicating to Duvivier information which might be useful to the enemy.

Duvivier stated that he had been a member of the Union of Fascists and of the organisation known as "The Link," which was formed for the purpose of strengthening Anglo-Nazi relations. — Reuter.

EUROPEAN WOMAN SHOT AT

Mrs. A. M. Estall, residing at the Warrant Officers Quarters at Scandal Point was shot at with an automatic pistol by a 17-year-old Chinese youth whom she found on the premises on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Estall escaped unharmed, but the alleged attacker was arrested and brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Well-dressed in European-style clothing, Lau Po-Lor, alias Paul Lau, appeared in Dock, charged with:

(a) stealing one silver chain and two religious medallions, property of an amah at No. 2, Warrant Officers Quarters, Scandal Point;

(b) possession of an automatic pistol and four rounds of ammunition;

(c) shooting at Mrs. A. M. Estall with intent to maim, disfigure or disable; and

(d) with shooting at the same woman with intent to prevent lawful arrest.

Appearing for the prosecution Inspector C. Goodwin asked for a week's remand which was granted.

It is alleged that accused was discovered on the premises by Mrs. Estall who was shot at when attempting to arrest him.

RIVALS FOR THE QUINS

Calcutta, To-day.

The wife of an Egyptian named Sayed Hamada Geheza has given birth to quintuplets.

They are all girls and all are in good health. — Reuter.

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EFFECT OF COLONY SUPPORT ON SHANGHAI EXCHANGES

Shanghai, To-day.

AN INTERESTING examination of the future prospects of the Shanghai dollar is made by "Finance and Commerce," leading financial weekly, in a review of the local exchange market for the week ending last Saturday.

Referring to a number of small selling orders from Hong Kong, which supported the market during the week, the journal states that continued selling from this quarter caused some surprise in view of the stricter exchange regulations in the Colony.

It adds, however, that the influence of forward contracts must be taken into consideration, in which case selling is likely to grow less as time passes.

IT WOULD SEEM SO

The journal draws the conclusion that "if support from Hong Kong, which has had such a beneficial effect on the Shanghai rates for months past, ceases altogether and there is nothing to take its place, lower levels on the exchange market would appear inevitable."

Turning to the trend in trade, the journal points out that exports are not yet flourishing and stocks of necessities are apparently so low that imports have to be purchased, whatever their cost in dollars.

LOWER RATES EXPECTED

The periodical says: "A real prospect of peace would undoubtedly introduce a firmer note but it does not appear to be believed that a central government under Wang Ching-wei would bring about any radical change in the existing situation."

"Generally speaking, the opinion which prevails in financial circles is that lower rates are probable after Chinese New Year."—Reuter.

SHOT ACCIDENTAL

Shanghai, To-day.

Testifying as witness at the inquest into the death of Duncan E. Crank, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, a Chinese constable, Sung Ze-jing, told the British Coroner that the shot he fired at Crank at the Post Office was purely accidental.—Reuter.

chih in Nanking last September which ended unsuccessfully.

The same issue was discussed at the recent Tsingtao conference. It is said that during the conference Wang Keh-min and other members of the "Provisional Government" signified that they would not join the bogus Central Government.

The expose of the secret agreement between Wang Ching-wei and Japan by Kao Tsung-wu and Tao Hai-sheng, erstwhile followers of Wang Ching-wei while the Tsingtao conference was in progress added further obstacles to the discussions.

Though convocation of the "Central Political Council" has now been scheduled in the middle of February and the formation of the bogus Central Government on February 22, there is much doubt if the plan can be realised.—Central News.

NEW SNAGS FOR THE PUPPETS

Chungking, To-day.

In view of the worsening of Japan's relations with Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, the Japanese may further delay the inauguration of the bogus Central Government under Wang Ching-wei, which has been set for February 22, competent observers predict.

It is recalled that the establishment of the bogus Central Government was first scheduled to take place last October 10, China's Independence Day, and was postponed to November 12 and then January 1 on account of the unfavourable international situation and the opposition of Wang Keh-min and Liang Hung-chih, respectively heads of the puppet regimes in Peiping and Nanking. The new inaugural date of February 22 was fixed at the recent Tsingtao conference.

The process for the organisation of the bogus Central Government was laid down between Wang Ching-wei and Sadaki Kagesa. It provides for the convocation of a "National Congress" of the bogus Kuomintang as the first step and the formation of a so-called "Central Political Council" as the second step. The bogus Central Government will be created by the Central Political Council.

WANG KEH-MIN DEFECTION

The "National Congress", of the bogus Kuomintang was convened by Wang Ching-wei in Shanghai last August. To discuss the organisation of the "Central Political Council" Wang Ching-wei had a conference with Wang Keh-min and Liang Hung-

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

50,000-TON WARSHIPS APPROVED

Washington, To-day.

The tendency to limit the size of a ship to the maximum faced in defunct treaties is unsound from a military point of view, says Mr. Charles Edison, U.S. Secretary of Navy.

He explained that it was not intended politically to change the size of two 45,000-ton battleships for which funds have been requested, "but if it takes 50,000 tons to carry the guns and armour of a battleship 'All right,' I say."

Similarly it would be folly to weaken a heavy cruiser by restricting it to 10,000 tons if 14,000 tons would make it better.

The naval programme recommends the construction of 77 warships as well as planes and auxiliary vessels.

The House Committee, however, is considered a two-year programme providing only 21 new warships.

Mr. Edison declares that the Navy's realization of the situation in 1940 made them believe that they should start building as promptly, as fast and in as great a volume as practicable.—Reuter.

FRENCH M.P.'S VISIT CANADIANS

London, To-day.

Ten members of the French Chamber of Deputies, composing a delegation headed by M. Yvon Delbos, Minister of Education, which is in London for talks with British M.P.'s, yesterday visited the First Canadian Division at their military encampment.

The visitors spent nearly two hours among French-speaking Canadians, watching them at exercises. They also dropped into a mess while the men were at lunch.

M. Delbos said: "My Colleagues and I have been greatly impressed by what we have seen to-day. It is with profound pride that we greet you, who speak our common tongue and symbolize the link that binds our two countries in bonds of unity. Through the spirit which has brought you over and the strength of the Allied arms we can be sure that victory will be ours."—British Wireless.

SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S

London, To-day.

A National Service of Intercession and Witness for the Finnish people in St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday will consist of an English Litany sung in procession, to be followed by special intercessions led by the Archbishop of Canterbury from the pulpit, which will be broadcast not only to Britain but to Scandinavia and Finland itself.

His Grace will read a special message from the Lutheran Archbishop of Finland.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will attend in State as will also the Finnish Minister, the Danish, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish and Swiss Ministers, Chancellor of the University of London, the Metropolitan Germans of Thyateria, chaplains of the Scandinavian and other foreign communities in London and a delegation of the British Free Churches.—British Wireless.

100 DIE FROM COLD

Shanghai, To-day.

Snow fell yesterday, intensifying the cold prevailing here. Yesterday over 100 bodies were picked up in the streets.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAZI PLANE LANDS IN LUXEMBURG

Luxemburg, To-day.

A Nazi reconnaissance plane flew over Luxemburg on Monday and landed some two miles from the German frontier.

The occupants asked where they were and, on being told they were on Luxemburg territory, hurriedly took off again.—Reuter.

R.A.F. HERO GETS BAR TO D.F.C.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SQUADRON-LEADER K. C. DORAN, WHO LED THE FAMOUS KIEL AIR RAID IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE WAR, HAS BEEN AWARDED THE BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

Doran was leader of a formation of bomber aircraft that was attacked by enemy fighters over the North Sea and by clever tactics and gallant leadership successfully maintained a close defensive formation throughout the engagement.

Two fighter aircraft were compelled to break off the fight, a third was shot down in flames into the sea and the remainder eventually abandoned the attack.

Although one British machine was lost and a second had to return to its base, Doran, showing great determination, led the remaining aircraft 130 miles further to their objective.

Leading Aircraftman John Tippet has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for "coolness in handling his gun and repelling enemy attacks in an engagement over the North Sea."—Reuter.

NO RICE FOR NAZIS

London, To-day.

The Minister of Economic Warfare stated in the Commons that such statistical information as was available showed it was probable that exports of rice to Germany had now virtually ceased.—British Wireless.

NO B.E.F. LEAVE

London, To-day.

The War Office announces that owing to the continuance of wintry conditions in the United Kingdom, leave from the B.E.F. is unlikely to be re-opened for some days. A 24-hours notice of the re-opening of leave will be given.—British Wireless.

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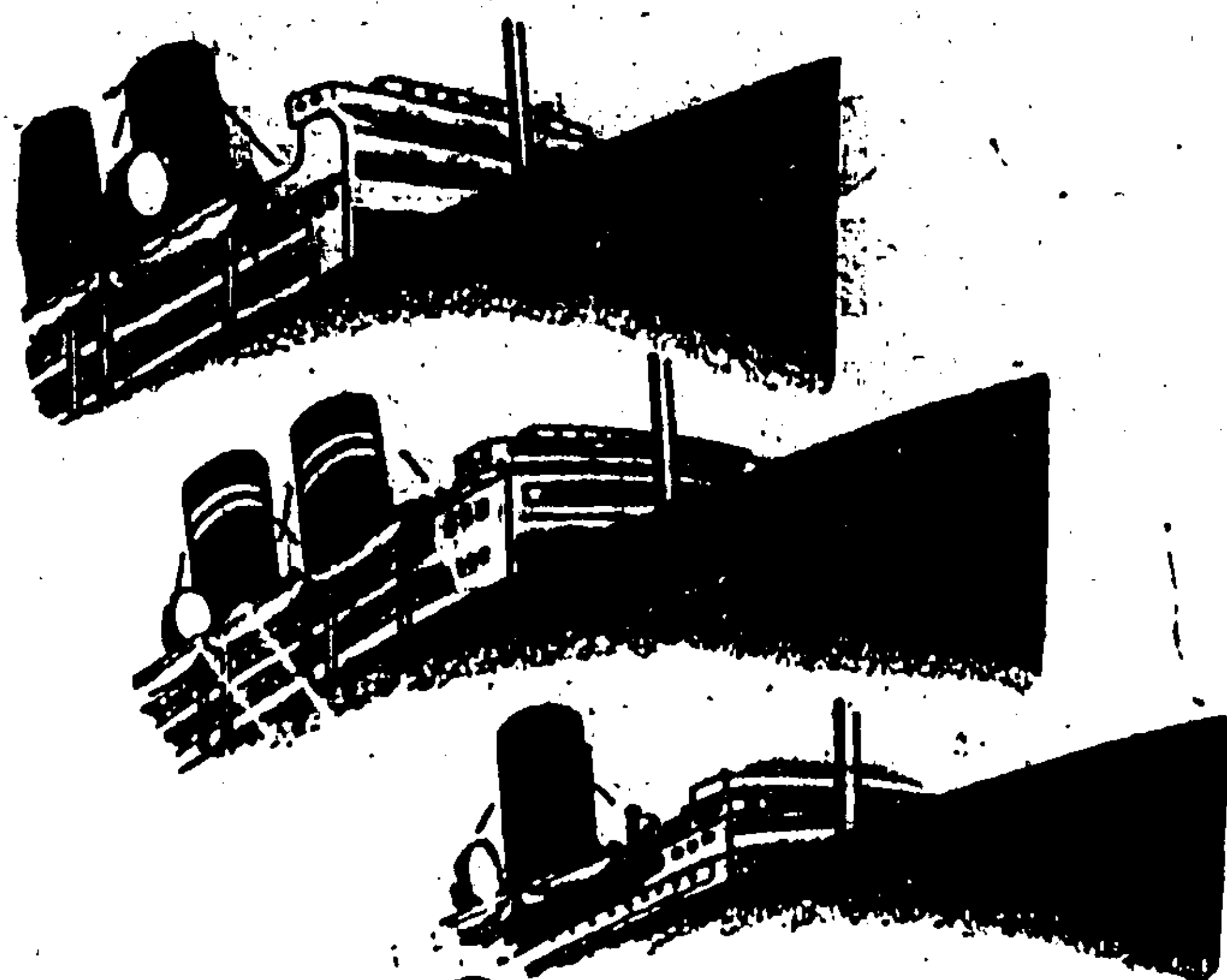
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Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	February 1.
Canton	February 1.
Japan	February 1.
Straits and Saigon	February 2.
Haiphong	February 2.
Calcutta and Straits	February 2.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard	February 2.
Canton	February 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 12th January)	February 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 4th January)	February 3.
Japan and Shanghai	February 3.
Sandakan	February 3.
Shanghai	February 4.
Shanghai	February 4.
Shanghai and Amoy	February 4.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 20th January	February 5.
Formosa and Swatow	February 5.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B.C. date, 11th Jan.)	February 5.
Haiphong	February 5.
Saigon	February 5.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 27th January	February 6.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London, date 24th January	February 6.

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Shanghai		
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Salon; Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles, 27th Feb.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Jan. 31, 3.45 p.m.
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	Ord.,	Wed., Jan. 31, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Wed., Jan. 31, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Jan. 31, 7.00 p.m.
	THURSDAY	
Fort Bayard and Haiphong		Feb. 1, 2.00 p.m.
Shanghai		Feb. 1, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy		Feb. 1, 7.00 p.m.
Canton		Feb. 1, 7.15 a.m.
	FRIDAY	
Amoy and Shanghai		Feb. 2, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 19th February.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Feb. 1, 5.00 p.m.
	Par.,	Feb. 2, 8.45 a.m.
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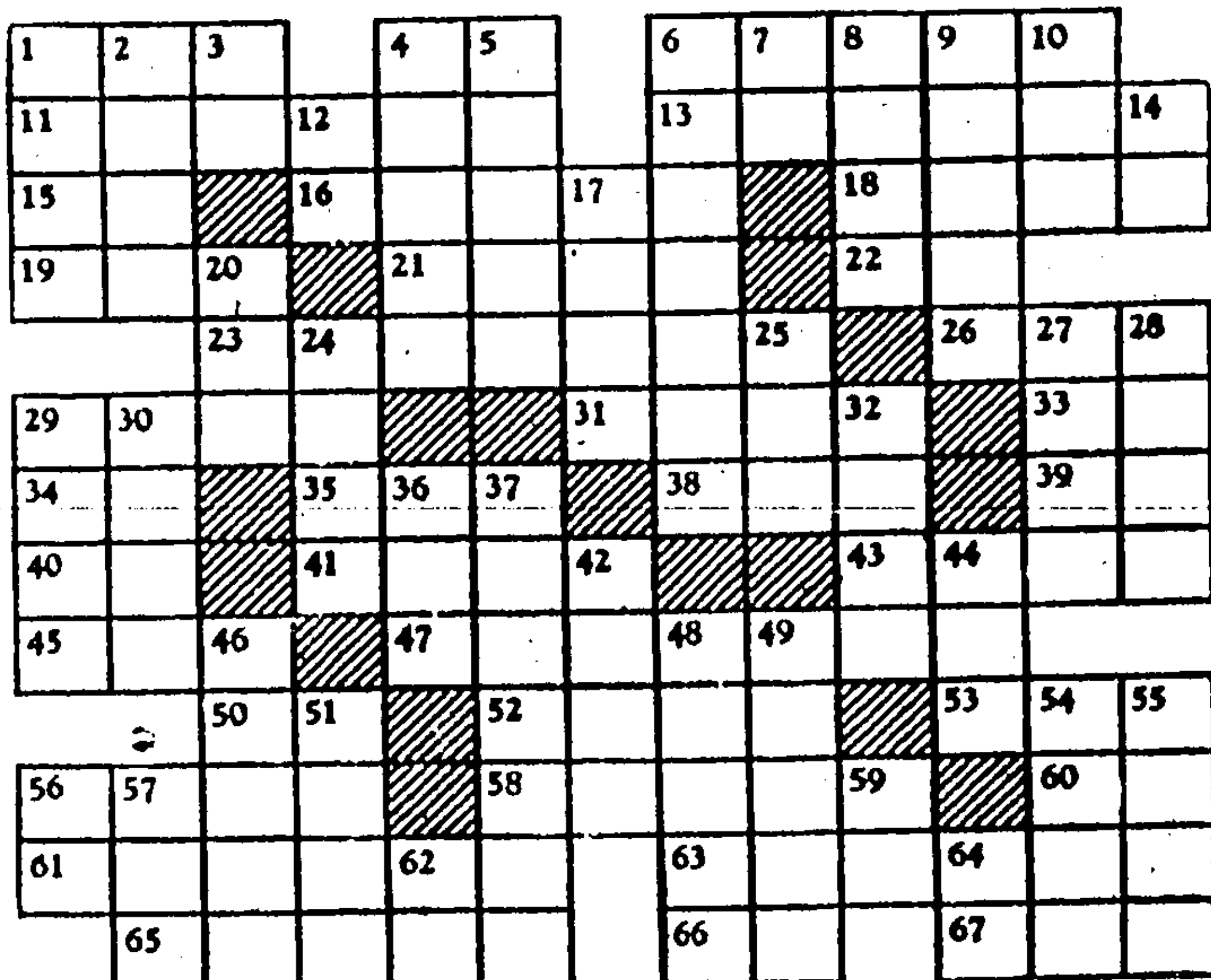
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- 19 Jewel
- 21 Shrunk
- 22 Preposition
- 23 Son of Agamemnon
- 26 Roll of hair
- 29 Facts
- 31 Goddess of discord
- 33 Artificial language
- 34 Siberian river
- 35 Vigor
- 38 Resort
- 39 Negative
- 40 Symbol for oleum
- 41 To issue
- 43 Conspiracy
- 45 Chess pieces
- 47 Conditional stipulation
- 50 Concerning
- 53 Winglike
- 57 Moroccan
- 64 Monster

VERTICAL

- 58 Yawns
- 60 Chaldean city
- 61 To take away
- 63 To guarantee
- 65 Paths
- 66 Prefix: down
- 67 Scotch: so

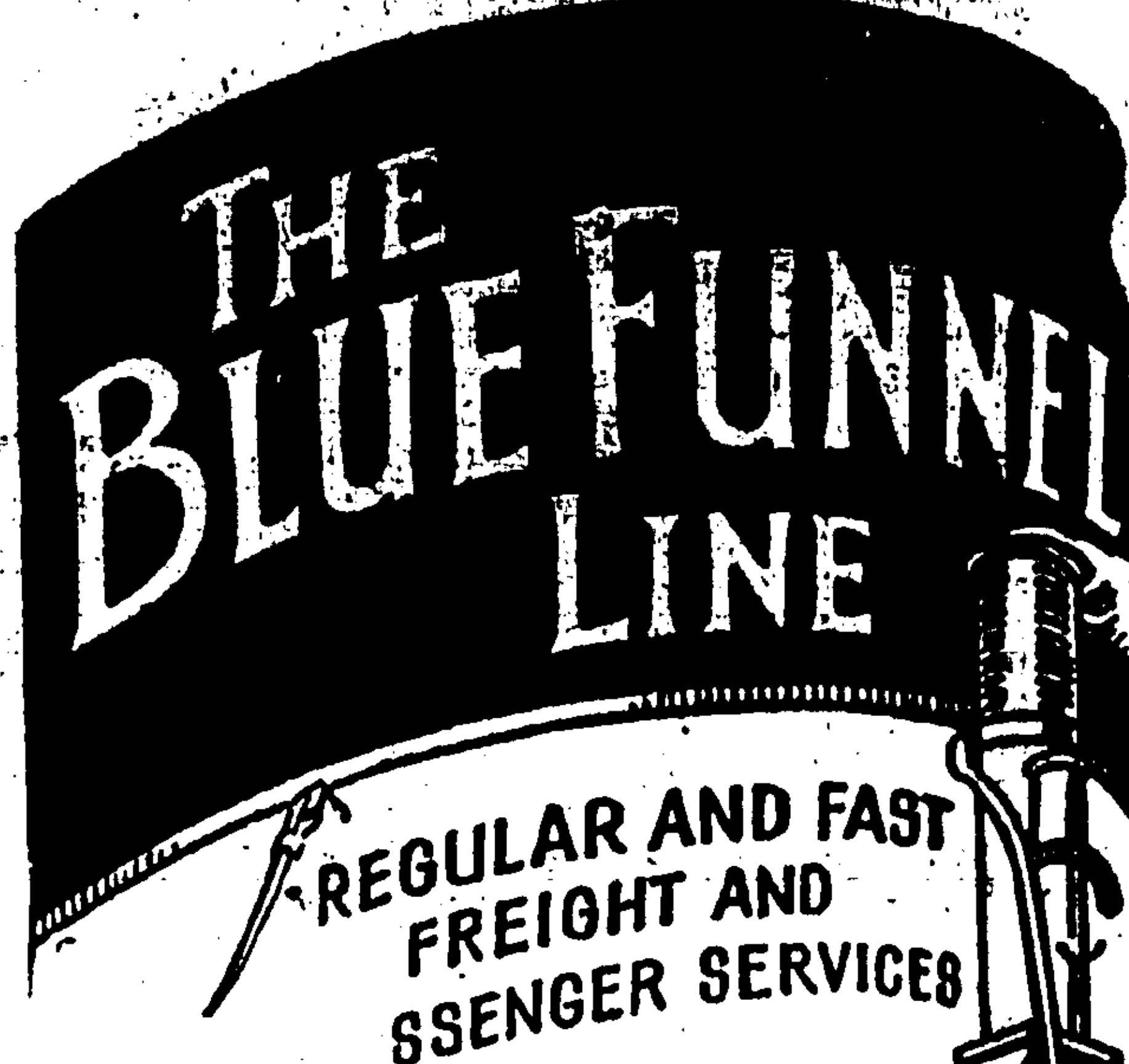
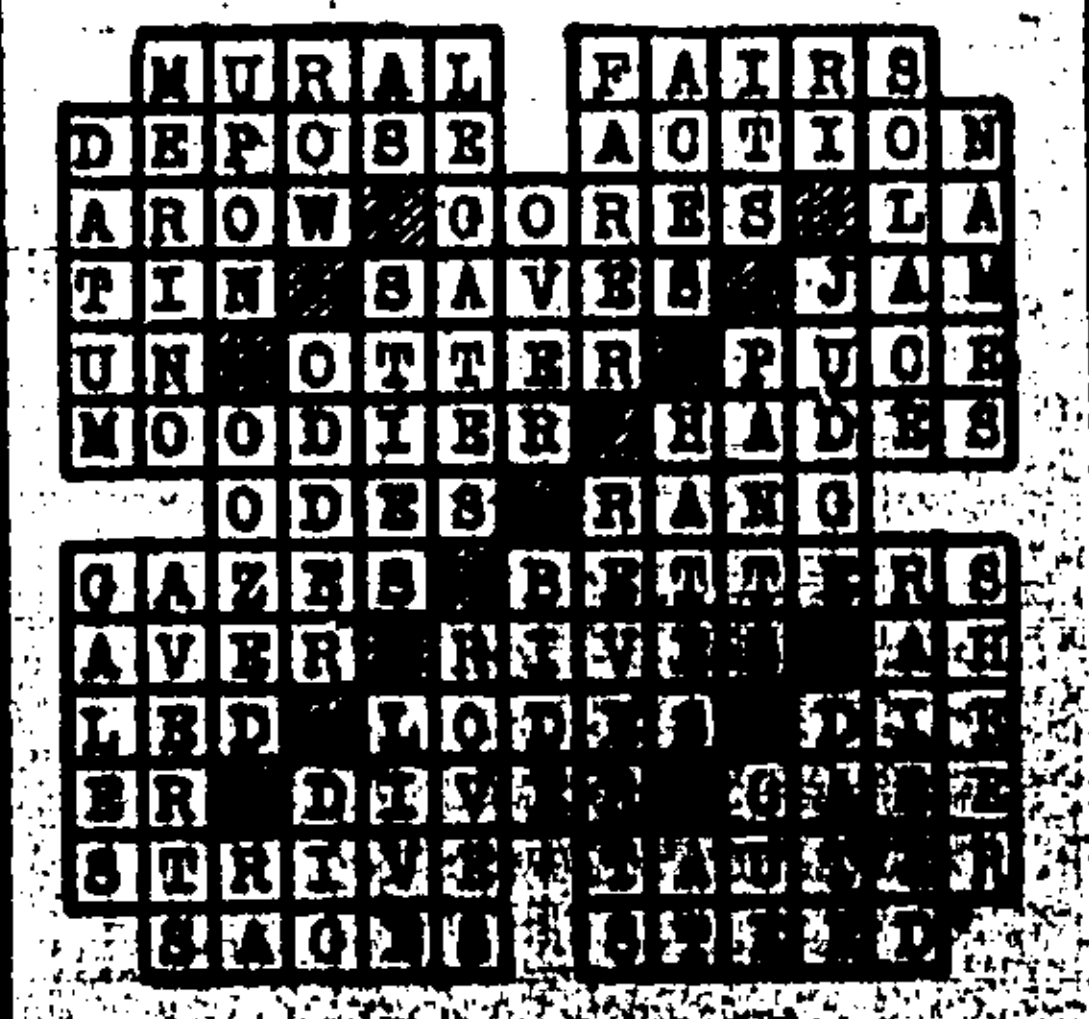
VERTICAL

- 1 Assassin
- 2 Nerve group
- 3 Old pronoun
- 4 Reigning beauty
- 5 Icelandic writings
- 6 Pigs
- 7 Aloft
- 8 For fear that
- 9 Before

VERTICAL

- 10 Sodium chloride
- 12 To perform
- 14 Hence
- 17 Heraldic bearing
- 20 Clever phrase
- 24 To rant
- 25 Taste
- 27 Italian river
- 28 Sound of horn
- 29 Fate
- 30 Competent
- 32 Weakens
- 36 Inferior demon
- 37 Optical illusions
- 42 Jewel weight
- 44 To cut
- 46 Bellini opera
- 48 Insipid
- 49 Peace goddess
- 51 Gaseous element
- 54 Emanation
- 55 Indian
- 56 Confutation
- 57 Coagulate by setting
- 59 Vessel (abbr.)
- 62 Brother of Odin
- 64 Pronoun

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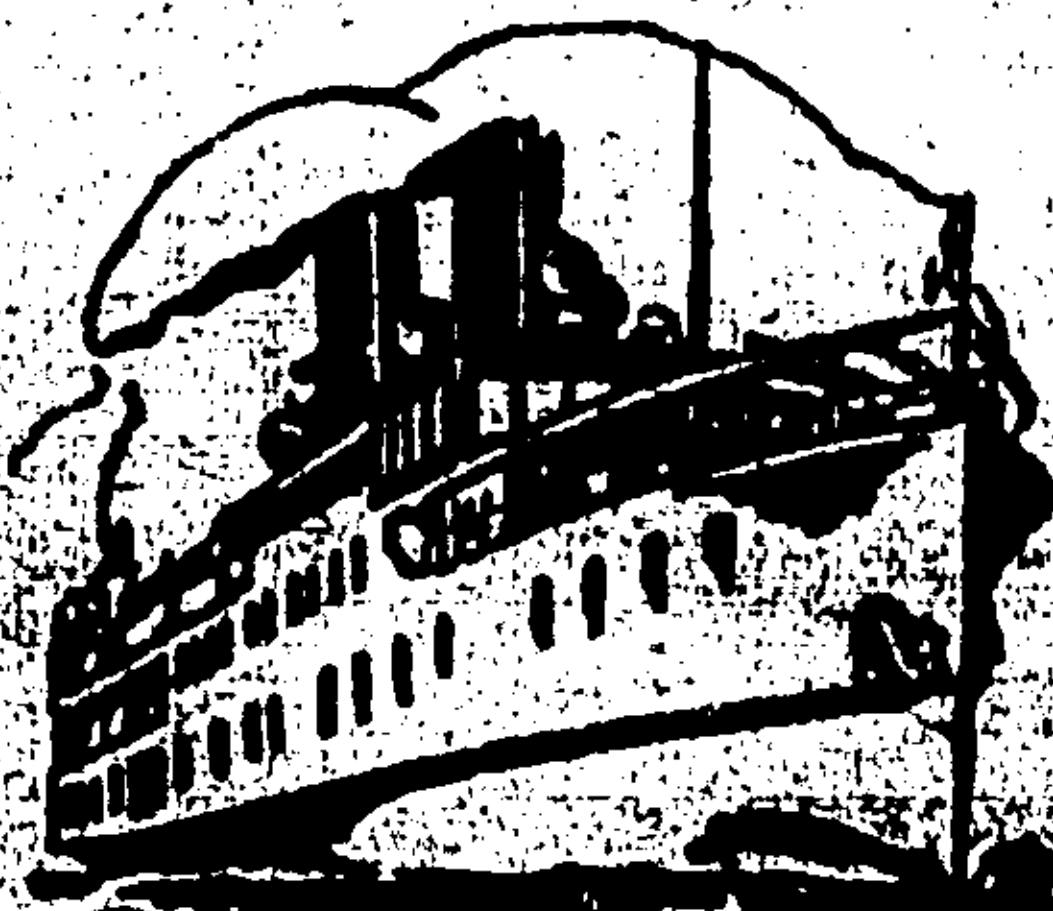
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BADMINTON TOURNEY

The Council of the Hong Kong Badminton Association decided last night to hold the annual Colony Championships again this year despite the difficulties likely to be experienced.

Forms will be sent to the various Club secretaries, and entrants will be asked to fill in the dates when they will be at Camp. The sub-committee, comprising Messrs. Oliveira, Beattie, Lui, Fisher and Gray, will then try and fix the matches accordingly.

The conditions and sections will be the same as last year, with a fee of \$2.00 for singles, and \$4 for each doubles team entrant. The closing date for entries is February 18.

A query regarding the order of play in matches was brought up by Mr. Gray, who stated that there was no official ruling on the point. After some discussion, the Chairman, Mr. Higgs, recommended from the Chair that visiting clubs be given the courtesy of playing in rotation.

TWO MATCHES POSTPONED

In "B" Division of the Badminton League the match between Victoria Recreation Club and Kowloon Tong was postponed, while Kowloon Cricket Club and Recreio will be played on February 5.

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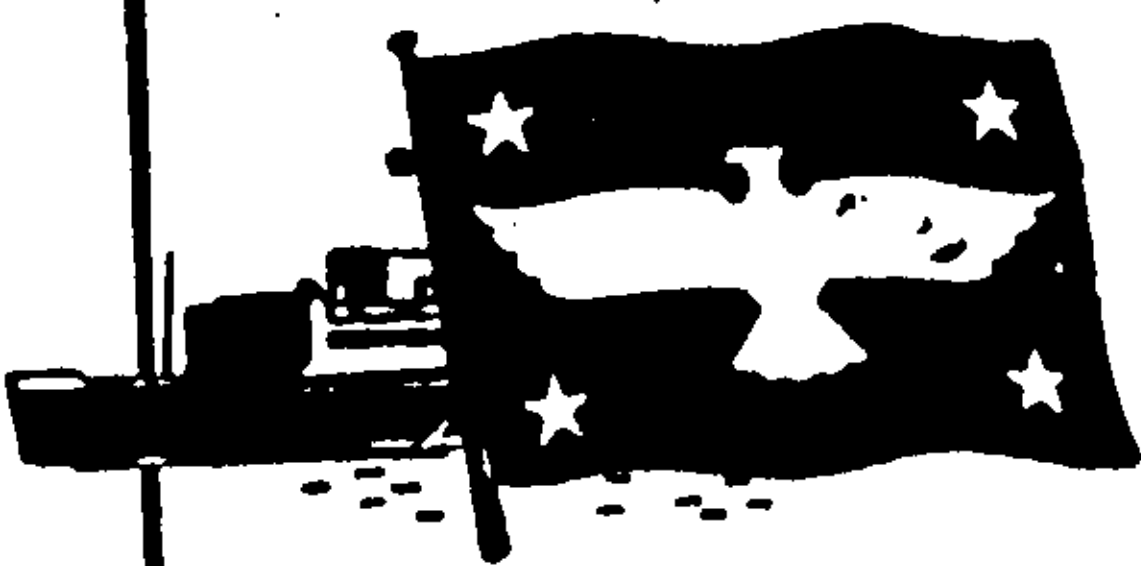
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RACIAL RIOTS IN BURMA

Rangoon, To-day.

Despite speeches by responsible leaders, Hindu-Muslim disturbances are continuing. So far, 12 have lost their lives and 600 arrests have been made.—Reuter.

SOFTBALL GAMES FOR FEBRUARY 9

At Kowloon Football Club on Friday February 9, Chinese Girls meet the Rest at 2.30 p.m., and Portugal clash with the Rest in a softball programme in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

The Selection Committee have chosen the following players:

Chinese Girls	Rest
Mary Louie	p Therese Noronha
Dot Louie	c Lena Luongo
Lily Mar	1b Yvonne Yolie
Paula Chan	2b Celesta Marques
Mabel Louie	3b Irene Castilho
May Chung	ss Margaret Oliveira
Mary Mar	lf Irene Pereira
Doris Mar	cf Iris Stone
Ulian Khoo	rf Maudie Read
Ella Chinn	Utility Thelma Collaco
Gloria Mar	Cynthia Motta
Jean Lee	Jacky Anderson
Rose Louie	Vera Burson
Bella Ma	Thelma Motta
Nip Lum	Mgr. Hal Winglee
Portugal	Rest
Johnny Alvares	p Herb Quon
Mike Mendonca	c Nip Lum (Mgr.)
Nick Beltrao	1b Terry Leonard
Tony Alves	2b Honus Waggoner
Spotty Pereira	3b Earl Wong
George Souza	ss Wally Ching
Gerry Gosano	lf Showboat All
Eddie Gosano	cf Den Crary
Caco Marques	rf Stan Leonard
Zinho Gosano	Utility Hal Winglee
John Fonseca	Wilbur Wu
Arthur Ozorio	Kassa Nazarin
Kelly Silva Netto	Huckal Kitchell
Bertie Gosano	Tuffy Chian
Henry Barros (Mgr.)	

TRAIN MINED

Shanghai, To-day.

Many passengers and troops are believed to have been killed yesterday at noon when a train on its way from Shanghai to Nanking was blown up by a mine.—Our Own Correspondent.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has again decreased slightly in intensity, and appears to be moving eastward; pressure is now highest to the north of Shantung.

COUNTRY CLUB GOLF RESULTS

Results of the foursomes and championship matches at Country Club on Sunday were:

CHAMPIONSHIP

F. E. A. Remedios beat J. J. Besto 4 and 3.
H. Kew beat S. V. Gittins 2 and 1.
A. A. Lopes beat A. T. Lee 7 and 5.
P. K. C. Tyau beat Geo. Lee 6 and 5.
E. Sadick beat B. Basto 4 and 2.
C. H. T. Suen beat E. J. M. Churn 5 and 3.
A. W. Ramsey beat F. X. M. Silva 4 and 3.

FOURSOMES

H. Alves and C. Roza Pereira beat C. Thom and A. R. de Pinna 4 and 2.
E. J. M. Churn and A. T. Lee beat J. B. Mackie and J. L. Litton 3 and 2.
H. Kew and S. V. Gittins beat Geo. Lee and C. Kew 7 and 5.

F. E. A. Remedios and W. C. Hung beat B. Alves and C. E. Marques 3 and 2.

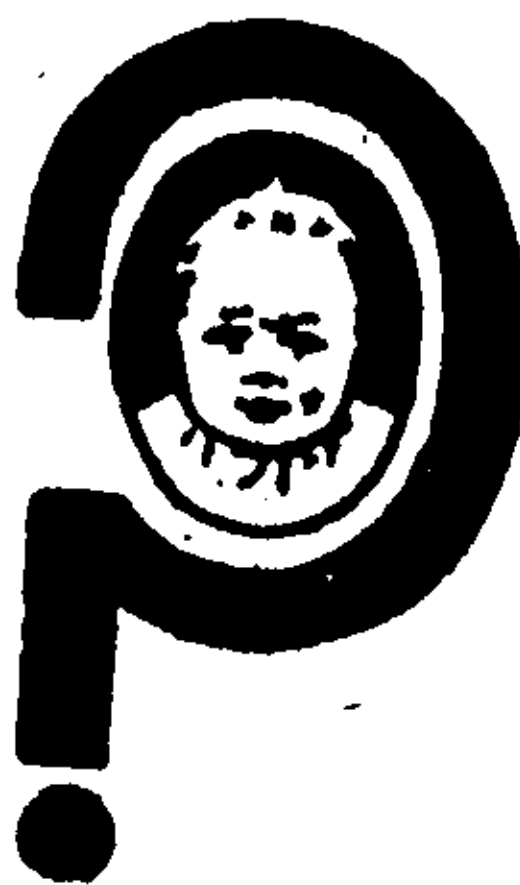
A. J. Kew and C. H. Suen beat A. A. Lopes and J. J. Basto 5 and 4.

C. H. Basto and H. R. de Pinna received a walk-over from C. G. Anderson and A. A. Guterres.

F. X. Silva and M. F. de Pinna beat A. W. Ramsey and R. E. Lee on the 19th.

P. K. Tyau and T. Y. C. Lee beat E. Sadick and B. Basto 2 and 1.

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"SOMEWHERE ON SULLIVAN STREET"

William J. Flynn, the late chief of the United States Secret Service, had many triumphs to his credit, but one of his most brilliant jobs was in solving the Sullivan St. Mystery.

Some years ago officials of the Government found that \$2 internal revenue stamps were being circulated on a large scale. It meant a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars and it was imperative that it should be halted and if possible the gang broken up.

Chief Flynn made a minute examination of the counterfeit stamps and finally got a tiny clue. The almost perfect stamps had one flaw. The paper on which they were printed had an excessive gloss.

The detective and his assistants made a tour of all the paper houses of New York and vicinity. Flynn found the house where the paper was made. It seems that the last of it—an odd lot—had been sold to an Italian about a month before. Sold at a bargain, but it proved to be a sorry bargain for the purchaser. The paper had been delivered to a printing shop "somewhere on Sullivan St."

HE PLAYED A HUNCH

While his assistants were trying

bulky package. He was followed, placed under arrest and searched. The package contained a batch of the freshly-printed revenue stamps.

A few minutes later when Flynn and his men broke into the place the presses had stopped running. Three men were found in the wash-room. The detective picked the leader at a glance.

"What have you done with the plates?" he shouted.

"Me no know what you mean," stammered the man. And despite repeated efforts that was the only reply they could get. The most important thing in running down a counterfeiting conspiracy is to obtain possession of the plates and to see that they are completely destroyed. The arrest of Carlisi and his confederates would only be a partial victory.

ON THE SIDE OF A DESK

So Flynn ordered his men to make a thorough search of the plant to find the plates. It was a most painstaking investigation but it proved fruitless. The three prisoners were



given something very much like the third degree but they would throw fan and began to wave it to and fro. As he did so he gave a shout of triumph.

No wonder, for the six plates were on the side of the desk, where they had been hidden by the fan! no light upon the whereabouts of the missing plates.

Chief Flynn sat down in front of a flat-topped desk and thought and thought. He hated to confess defeat, but it looked as if the crooks had outwitted him by destroying the plates before his men entered the building. It was a hot day and Flynn picked up a large palm leaf

SALESMAN SENTENCED

Fan, Chu-fai, 36, salesman, was brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with embezzlement of \$82, received by him on behalf of his employer on December 23.

Detective Sergeant Cullinan told the Court that defendant was employed by Lo Siu-wan, master of a printing press. Defendant collected two sums of \$50 and \$30 and spent the money.

A fine of \$100 or two months' hard labour was imposed.

STREET SLEEPER AND REVOLVER

"If you had brought the revolver to the police instead of trying to sell you would have received more money and would not have been involved in this trouble," said Mr. E. Himsworth this morning to a street sleeper, Lam Sui-lan, 22, married woman, who was charged with possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition without a licence. She was placed on a \$50 bond for one year.

Det.-Sgt. Dowman said the woman was arrested when she tried to sell the revolver, which she picked up on the hillside.

By
GEORGE BARTON

to locate this shop, Flynn made a thorough study of the counterfeit notes. He admitted afterward that it was nothing more than a hunch, but looking down at one of the stamps he seemed to see the faces of Joseph and Tony Carlisi, two experts in the art of counterfeiting.

In 24 hours Joseph Carlisi had been located and from that time his every movement was shadowed. One morning the man went down-town and walked into a shop. It is no wonder that the heart of the detective beat faster, because it was the suspected printing shop on Sullivan St.

Carlisi went to the shop often. The clerk of the paper house who had sold the excessively glazed paper was told to take a peep at Carlisi while the Italian was not looking. He was identified at once as the purchaser of the paper.

CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE

The shop was watched day and night. The detectives who went in, snooped around, found nothing out of the way. But Flynn made an important discovery. It was that the plant worked regularly on Sunday afternoons. One Sunday Carlisi went into the place and remained for quite some time. Flynn was convinced that the time had come for action. He had six men surround the shop. Presently Carlisi came out carrying a



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Cossacks (arr. Dobrowen)..... Don Cossacks Choir conducted by Serge Jaroff. Unaccompanied.
Song Without Words (In A minor, Op. 40, No. 6—Tchaikowsky)..... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—STUDIO—Concert by John Valentine (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment by E. O'Neill Shaw.

8.30 p.m.—STUDIO—Talk by Father Ryan, S.J. on "Some Great Authors" No. 1—Bacon.
8.55 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Singers.
It Was A Lover and His Lass (Shakespeare & Morley): Where The Bee Sucks (Shakespeare & Arne): Come Let Us Join Roundelay (Wm. Beale)..... Conducted by Stanford Robinson. Unaccompanied.
9.00 p.m.—Coleridge-Taylor—Petite Suite De

Studio Talks :
Russian
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Concert. London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—STUDIO—Talk by The Rt. Rev. C. B. R. Sargent, Assistant Bishop of Fukuken—"Fukien Snapshots".
9.45 p.m.—Variety with Frank Crumit, Adelaide Hall, Bobby Breen, Sam Browne & Others.
10.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—Tommy Handley in "It's that Man Again".
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Matters of Moment". Talk by The Rt. Hon. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply.
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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When his opponents finally stopped at five hearts, West could hardly believe his ears. But, in spite of the fact he was absolutely sure he could set that contract, he wisely refrained from a double, which undoubtedly would have driven North and South into spades, where they could have made a Small Slam.

South, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

♠ A Q 8 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ Q J 3
♣ 8 7 6
♠ K 7 4
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ A K 6
♣ 5 2
♠ 6 5
♥ 7
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ 4 3
♠ J 10 9 3
♥ A K Q 2
♦ 6
♣ A K J 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Playing the hand at five hearts South managed to go down two tricks. Now turning to us, he asked, "Was my bidding wrong?" We replied, "Yes. Once your partner responded a spade, you should have insisted upon playing the hand in spades with four to the Jack-ten-nine, irrespective of how the bidding went."

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ALL KING QUEEN JACK

Later on, after North had gone, South turned to us once more and said, "I don't see how you can say that my partner was right and I was wrong on that hand." Our reply was, "You didn't ask us about your partner, all you asked us about was your bidding. His four heart bid was (100%)

about as bad a bid as we have ever seen and much worse than any bid you made. Once you jumped in spades, he should have bid either four spades or three notrump."

South asked, "If he had done that, how would we have gotten to the Slam?" Our reply was, "That was one Slam you shouldn't have bid since in order to make six spades, you would need a successful spade finesse, a reasonable trump break and either a successful club finesse, a break in hearts or a squeeze. Finally, even with all that right, the hand would require considerable handling since you should have to trump two diamonds in dummy."

Merwin Maler was your partner yesterday and you held:

♠ x x x
♥ A x
♦ K x x x
♣ J x x

The bidding:

Maler	Burnstone	You	Schenken
1NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two notrump. With a balanced hand, there is no point whatsoever in showing a minor suit after your partner opens with notrump.

Score 100% for two notrump, 60% for three notrump (an overbid), 30% for two diamonds.

QUESTION NO. 322

You are Howard Schenken's partner to-day and hold:

♠ x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ J x x
♣ A 10 x

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Burnstone
10♣	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

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AWARD IN THE FIELD

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE FIRST IMMEDIATE AWARD IN THE FIELD TO AN OFFICER SERVING WITH THE B.E.F. HAS BEEN MADE TO CAPTAIN J. A. MACKENZIE, OF THE GLOUCESTER REGIMENT.

Capt. Mackenzie has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous daring and resource.

It is learnt that the exploit for which the award has been made occurred during one of the night patrols which are now regular events for British troops in the front line.—British Wireless.

NAZIS OVER HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Hague, To-day.

German planes flew over north-east and central Netherlands on Monday night. Dutch planes, on patrol, and anti-aircraft guns went into action.

The Dutch Government has protested to Berlin.—Havas.

BADLANDS MOVING

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese have ordered all gambling establishments, opium and heroin dens in the west part of Shanghai to move to Nantao.—Our Own Correspondent.

SOYA BEAN EXPORTS TO GERMANY

London, To-day.

Mr. G. R. Strauss (Labour) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether in view of the great importance of soya beans in the German war economy the Minister of Economic Warfare would reconsider the decision not to ration the quantities imported by contiguous countries.

Mr. Ronald Cross assured Mr. Strauss that the matter would be under constant review and appropriate measures taken if the occasion arose.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN OIL POLICY

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY:

AN IMPORTANT SPEECH ABOUT RUMANIAN OIL POLICY HAS BEEN MADE BY THE RUMANIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE.

He said that the measures taken recently had no other aim than that of meeting national requirements and reports to the contrary were quite unfounded.

Oil was essential for Rumanian military forces, which were so necessary during the present troubled time. He urged the need for increased production.—Reuter.

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Interport Soccer Players On View This Afternoon

ONLY PRACTICE MATCH, AGAINST COMBINED CHINESE

(By "REFEREE")

THE COLONY INTERPORT football team to visit Shanghai will play their only practice game this afternoon at Caroline Hill, commencing at 4.15 p.m., where they will be opposed to a combined Chinese team.

Proceeds from the game, all arrangements for which are being made by the Hong Kong Chinese Journalists' Association, will be devoted to relief work for Chinese in Hong Kong.

The team which will represent the Colony has not been decided on yet and I understand that the final selection will be made following the game. All the 15 players selected for the trip will be seen in action. It is interesting to note that A. V. Gosano has been appointed manager of the team in addition to his duties as captain.

Formidable Attack

The Chinese have chosen several of the lesser known players for their defence, Mak Shui-hon, Lee Tin-sang and Leung Wing-chiu being notable absentees.

The Chinese attack is formidable and should give the Interport defence a real test.

Following are the teams:—
INTERPORT XI (to be chosen from the following):—Moxham, S. Strange, A. Bone, A. J. Hussain, K. Forrow, T. Honniball, A. Maxwell, McEwan, T. Castilho, A. V. Gosano, D. Leonard, Guy, Fox, Hossack and E. Strange.

H.K. LADIES MAKE FOUR CHANGES

Following will represent Hong Kong Ladies' in their Caer Clark Cup encounter against St. Andrew's Ladies at Happy Valley on Saturday:—Miss S. Baskett; Miss E. Grey and Miss B. Stratton; Miss J. Booker, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss S. Green; Miss Marr, Miss Grieg, Miss M. Booker, Miss M. Smalley and Miss Purves.

The Misses Grey and Stratton have replaced the Misses Weller and Green at full-back, Miss Green going to left-half in place of Miss Gordon-Smith. Miss Marr returns to the forward line in place of Mrs. Skinner.



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TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

Following postponed League football games are down for decision this afternoon:

SECOND DIVISION "B"
University v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Baker.

THIRD DIVISION
Signals v R.A.S.C.
(Sookunpoo at 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Smith.

REVISED WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Though this week-end was at first reserved for Second Round matches in the Senior and Junior Shield competitions only three such matches will be played owing to Camp and the departure of the Interport team for Shanghai.

Opportunity has, however, been taken to arrange for a number of postponed games in all divisions to be played off, and a fairly big programme is now scheduled to be played this week-end.

Following is the re-arranged programme:—

SATURDAY

Senior Shield (Second Round)
South China "A" v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 4.10 p.m.)
Referee:—Minnihan.
Linesmen:—Gibson and Fraser.
Junior Shield (Second Round)
South China v 8th Royal Artillery
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Foster.

Second Division "B"
University v Kowloon
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—F. G. Smith.

Third Division
Signals v 5th A.A.R.A.
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Salter.

Electric v South China
(Club, 2.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Barretto.

Club v Kitchee
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Horlock.

Kumaons v 24th R.A.
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)
Referee:—K. K. Ip.

R.A.M.C. v Royal Scots
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Benham.

SUNDAY

First Division
Eastern v South China "B"
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Clarke.
Linesmen:—Wilson and A. W. Smith.

Kwong Wah v Police
(Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Ford.

Linesmen:—Wyper and Adlard.

Junior Shield (Second Round)
International v Police
(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Dove.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1940

Senior Shield (Second Round)
Police v Middelean
(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Minnihan.

Linesmen:—Jest and Thayer.

University v Police
(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Phillips.

GOVERNOR TO ATTEND THE INTERPORT?

His Excellency the Governor has intimated that he hopes to be present at the Interport football game between Hong Kong and Saigon on Thursday, February 8, at Caroline Hill.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Club 'A' meet Navy 'A' in to-day's Rugby match at the Valley at 5 p.m.

Following are the teams:

NAVY "A"—Midshipman Roe; Sub. Lieutenant Nicolls, S.B.A. Addis, Midshipman O'Riordan and Marine Jeffries; Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant Commander Clark; Cpl. Marron, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, S.B.A. Davis; A.B. Jeffrey, L.S. Spirit; Pay Lieutenant Charles, Midshipman Murray Jones and Pay Sub. Lieutenant Summer.

Reserves:—Ldg. Sig. Inglis, Midshipman Teare, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris and P.O. Little. Club "A":—Smith; Lavalle, Morgan, A. N. Other and Wilson; Fay and Tressider; McCrea, Heasman, Benn, Beattie, Thornhill, Roscoe, Austen and A. N. Other.

The Interport team will be going through P. T. exercises nearby, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

The two Army Rugby League matches which were to have been played at Sookunpoo yesterday evening were postponed as a mark of respect to the Royal Scot who was killed in a motor accident on Monday and whose funeral took place yesterday.

BIXLER TRANSFERRED

Here's bright news. Bixler, captain of the U.S. Marines' Rugby team, has left Shanghai on transfer. He captained the American team for three seasons, and during that time was on the losing side only once—against the Seaforths early this season! He is a huge forward who knows the game inside out, and much of the remarkable success experienced by the Marines was due to his inspired leadership.

KUMAONS TOO GOOD FOR KHALSA

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

Giving an exceptionally good display of stickwork and combination Kumaon Rifles beat a weak team from Khalsa Hockey Club by 3 goals to 1 in a friendly hockey match on the Marina ground yesterday afternoon, after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

Sher Singh, Uttam Singh and Sheran Singh, formed a very strong attacking trio for Kumaons, especially Uttam Singh, inside-left, who was uncanny in his stickwork and who was always very dangerous inside the circle.

Capt. Loch, Kumaons' right-winger, worked very hard throughout and supported his centre-forward with many accurate passes.

In the intermediate line, Berhan Singh, pivot, was very prominent. He shadowed Pyara Singh, Khalsa's most outstanding forward, very closely and distributed well to his forwards.

For the losers, Pyara Singh was the only prominent forward, and Gurdal Singh was the pick of the intermediate line.

Sher Singh, centre-forward, opened the scoring for the winners and Uttam Singh added a second goal before the interval. On the resumption Uttam Singh registered a third goal as the result of a solo effort, and in the last minute Pyara Singh scored the only goal for the losers.

KUMAON RIFLES—Partap Singh; Ram Singh and Kanwar Singh; Hashiyar Singh, Beshan Singh and Kishan Singh; Capt. Loch, Hayat Singh, Sher Singh, Uttam Singh and Sheran Singh.

KHALSA—Mohinder Singh; Karnail Singh and Mehar Singh; Gurdal Singh, Bhag Singh and Narwanjan Singh; Jeggeet Singh, Gur Buchan Singh, Pyara Singh, Narwant Singh and Jangeer Singh.

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CRICKET NOTES

BRILLIANT BOWLING BY
WINCH AGAINST I.R.C.

Esmail Carries C.C.C. Batting With Gallant Display

FINCHER AND
LLOYD SAVE
THE DAY
FOR K.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

Kowloon Cricket Club, as a result of taking matters rather too easily, might well have lost two points against Army. Which goes to prove that one can never afford to slacken off in any sort of game.

Scoring 92 for 2 in reply to Army's 136, K.C.C. lost a further four wickets for the addition of only 23 runs. A sound innings by E. C. Fincher, who was given fine support by Lloyd, saved the day, but I shudder to think what might have happened had Fincher lost his wicket before he had been given a chance to settle down.

There were only three Army batsmen who shaped at all well, Skipwith, Webb and Duke. The first named is evidently a class bat, possessing a sound defence and a variety of scoring shots which he used whenever the opportunity presented itself.

Webb was given a couple of balls on the leg side early in his innings, which he promptly glanced for fours. This leg-glance of his proved to be his best shot and he employed it frequently during a long stay.

FINCHER'S LAPSE

He was fortunate to be missed by Teddy Fincher before he had reached double-figures off the type of catch that Fincher very seldom puts down, and, profiting by this let-off, he continued to score a valuable 59.

Capt. Grose never appeared happy at any time, defending well enough but being unable to get the ball in the middle. Nevertheless he looked capable of staying indefinitely but, becoming impatient, eventually hit a long-hop straight into the safe hands of Rapley at cover for that fielder to bring off a characteristic catch.

Capt. Duke gave such a fine exhibition that I was surprised at his not having been sent in earlier. His forward-play was very firm and he got well on top of the ball all the time.

He could get nobody to stay with him, however, and was undefeated at the close with 9.

Harvey made one tremendous hit which almost reached the hockey ground, but, in attempting a similar stroke two balls later, was clean-bowled by Lloyd.

Lloyd had difficulty with his length, but Robbie Lee bowled splendidly, especially in his second spell, when he made the ball whip off at a great pace and turn in a lot from the off.

Goodwin had one unfortunate over during which he put down two respectable balls, but, straining a muscle in his side, he was forced to finish at half-speed which ended his contribution for the match.

ANDERSON SCORES FAST

Anderson and Hung gave K.C.C. a good start, putting up 43 for the first wicket, of which Hung claimed only 10. Anderson settled down immediately and, despite his previous big scores, batted better than he has done for weeks. In partnership with Ernie Fincher, he carried the score to 92 when he was caught by Whatman in attempting to hit Denyer out of the ground.

Mackay was run out and Fincher did not long survive. Rapley picked a good 'un from Young, bowling medium-pace left-handers, and Zimmermann was dismissed by the same bowler, who bowled him through his legs when he attempted to hook before he was set.

The situation was now pregnant with possibilities! True there were still a couple of decent enough batsmen to come, but Army bowlers were definitely getting on top, the time was drawing short and the light was not improving.

The imperturbable Fincher, however, went along steadily, running every run that could be run and sending the loose ones to the boundary. Lloyd also did well, making full use of his long reach to smother the ball.

Slowly but surely the score was carried along and 89 runs were added by this partnership to carry the K.C.C. total the necessary distance.

Hatfield bowled aggressively but not too dangerously, but Denyer and Young both impressed. Capt. Grose handled the bowling well and gave a masterly display of wicket-keeping.

Recreio Cricket Team

Following will represent Club de Recreio 1st XI in their League game against Indian Recreation Club on Saturday at 2 p.m.: A. M. Rodriguez (Capt.), E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., W. A. Rivas, L. O. Gosano, E. L. Ozorio, J. M. Gosano, A. P. Fagundes, Jr., G. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares and N. Baltrao.

SPLENDID FIGHT FOR
RUNS AT SOOKUNPOO

(By "ADREM")

SATURDAY'S SENIOR LEAGUE cricket match between Craigengower Cricket Club and Indian Recreation Club produced some of the keenest cricket seen thus far this season.

Fortunes fluctuated and, from being in an extremely serious position, Craigengower finished up by dictating terms and, had it not been for good defensive play by the later I.R.C. batsmen, might very well have won.

When Craigengower had lost three good wickets in the space of about 25 minutes for only 6 runs, it looked any odds on I.R.C. dismissing them for a low score. Wickets toppled so rapidly that it took really courageous batting to stop the rot against the accurate bowling of Minu and A. H. Madar, backed up by brilliant fielding.

A. R. H. Esmail provided just such an innings. I particularly liked the way he played Minu, or, for that matter, all the bowling. The wicket, although fairly easy, was taking a lot of spin and to sit back and play it, or to hit without getting right on top of the ball, usually spell disaster.

Esmail used his feet and by so doing was able to get to the pitch of the ball and hit it before the break had time to operate.

He did not always get them in the middle but he hit the ball so firmly that even mis-hits travelled fairly hard and, fortunately for Craigengower, usually along the ground.

Souza gave him good support and a useful stand ensued. Just as Souza began to open out, however, he was beaten by one of Minu's better balls and was bowled.

By this time the edge had been taken off the bowling of Minu and Madar and Esmail was able to keep up a steady rate of scoring, while E. A. Lee, by the grace of providence, managed to stay in.

LEE SCRATCHES!

The former University batsman was all at sea with Minu, appearing to play at the flight of the ball rather than watching it right on to his bat. Result was he rarely connected. Beating him as often as he did, however, Minu was unable to hit the wicket and, although Lee continued to look thoroughly miserable throughout his innings, he stayed!

With the score at 100, Esmail hit Minu once to often and M. P. Madar, in the deep, took a nice catch in the face of a strong challenge from another fielder who thought it was his!

Then came another collapse and I thought that Craigengower had shot their bolt. Ernie Zimmermann, G. Winch and A. K. Ismail all fell to good catches but a gallant last-wicket stand between J. L. Youngsaye and Billimoria added 18 valuable runs.

Billimoria's methods were at times rather original but although he caused some amusement in his fierce endeavours to hit, he knew sufficient about batting to present a dead, if not very straight, bat to anything of a length on the wicket. He was finally easily caught by Bakar at mid-on when attempting an even fiercer hit than usual.

The time was now almost 4.30. Minu had bowled splendidly, turning the ball a lot and standing up well under the punishment administered by Esmail. Madar, bowling somewhat faster than he used to, was not always accurate.

I.R.C. BAT

Starting their innings at 4.35, I.R.C. quickly found themselves in difficulty. Nazarin picked a perfect ball from Winch and was bowled, and A. H. Rumjahn, who hitherto had been shaping confidently, suffered the same fate a few moments later.

Francis Zimmermann, who opened Craigengower's bowling, was erratic early on but Winch struck a length immediately and bowled most aggressively. Occasionally he put one down of perfect length, turning in from the off, and this was usually unplayable.

With Kitchell defending stoutly and A. H. Madar apparently set from the first ball he received, I expected an I.R.C. revival. The latter, however, played one of Winch's best and Ernie Zimmermann, behind the stumps, gratefully accepted the chance.

New right on top, Craigengower were razor-keen. The fielding was difficult to recognise as belonging to the team which played K.C.C. the previous week. Ismail in the gully must have saved scores of runs and Souza was as lithe as a cat.

With Madar out, Bob Arculli attempted to knock the bowling off its length and succeeded in some measure. On coming in, however, Winch's second ball bowled him. He followed the other victims to his bowler back to the pavilion.

ARCULLI'S BIG HIT

When Minu was bowled and M. el Arculli,

after hitting a colossal four right up the slope on the Caroline Hill end, was brilliantly caught low down by the screen by F. R. Zimmermann two balls later, I.R.C. were forced to shut up shop. Nevertheless, not before Kitchell, who had batted for an hour for 15 runs, finally gave Souza a catch off Billimoria, were stumps drawn.

The cricket right through the innings was interesting to watch as was Winch's bowling. This player, who has only been promoted this season, can look back upon his afternoon's work as being one of the most valuable performances of his career.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY
TEAMS

Following will represent Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches this week:

Thursday, "A" XI. v. Royal Scots 2nd XI. ("Y" ground, 5.15 p.m.).—Benwell (Capt.); Jordan and Perry; Smits, McLellan and Tomlinson; Macey, Gemmell, Taylor, Coombe and Baldwin.

Saturday, 1st XI. v. Radio ("Y" ground, 4.15 p.m.).—Benwell (Capt.); Jordan and Yourieff; Bates, McLellan and Colledge; Macey, Gemmell, Taylor, Waldron and Coombe.

Saturday 2nd XI. v. R.A.O.C. ("Y" ground, 3.00 p.m.).—Clegggett; Kileen and Perry; Smits, Tomlinson and Broch; Stone, Dormer (Capt.), Spare, Greenberg and Banks.

SECOND DIVISION

ARMY SECURE FIRST WIN,
AT CHAMPIONS' EXPENSE

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE quite a number of matches to be played in Junior Division and consequently there is a certain amount of opportunity of making up leeway, Kowloon Cricket Club's chances of retaining the shield are now somewhat remote.

This extraordinary team, which on paper is so well served in all departments, met with their second successive defeat, this time the "giant-killers" being Army, who thus secured their first win.

There is little excuse for the Champions, although their bowlers were well collared. Army batted for two hours and left them to one hour and three-quarters in which to score 170—a task well within their capabilities having regard to the fine array of batsmen in the team.

FAILED DISMALLY.

These so-called batsmen, however, were unable to rise to the occasion and failed dismally to be dismissed for less than 100.

Army started badly, losing two wickets for only 22. This might very easily have been 3 for 22 as Baxter, at short-leg, missed a chance by Patterson, which, although difficult, was by no means impossible.

This lapse proved expensive as Patterson went on to bat for 100 minutes for a solid 65. Man batted far more brightly, scoring his 44 in 67 minutes. Lay had one or two lapses behind the stumps, missing chances which might have made a difference.

K.C.C. attack was for the most part steady but not dangerous. Chitt and Luke were not easy to score off. Taylor, although not taking wickets, was difficult to get away until he was well and truly settled in his final over, when he bowled 15 runs.

Baldwin took his usual quota of wickets, finishing up with 3 for 37 in nine overs.

FRIENDLIES

FINE POLICE
VICTORY
OVER C.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

Recreio batsmen had a field-day in one of the two friendly matches played on Saturday, but delayed their declaration too long with the result that a team captained by Bishop Sargent, which included a large number of D.B.S. boys, held them to a draw.

Feature of the Recreio innings was another fine knock by H. A. Barros, who is in splendid form at the moment. He took part in a third-wicket partnership with Silva which realised 86 runs, of which he claimed no fewer than 64! Silva made 44 and H. L. Ozorio 56 retired and the innings was declared closed at 209.

Sargent was the only bowler to meet with any sort of success, taking four wickets for 67 runs in 11 overs—quite a good analysis considering the large score and the fact that he is a slow bowler.

Sargent's XI, although they succeeded in playing Ozorio fairly well, lost wickets steadily and only a sound knock by A. J. M. Prata, who carried his bat for 48, saved them from defeat.

GOOD EFFORT BY POLICE

Police did exceptionally well to beat a representative Craigengower second team on the latter's ground. Craigengower, who have beaten Army and K.C.C. in successive League matches, were never in the picture.

Batting first, Police made 151. W. L. Clarke, P. H. Loughlin and J. L. Stephens being the principal contributors. Way and Iranee were the most successful C.C.C. bowlers, both taking four wickets. Locke took three very fine catches, while A. Hung somewhat redeemed his lapses of a few weeks ago by holding two very nicely.

Craigengower batsmen gave a sorry exhibition and only three double-figure scores were registered, Hung making 18, Leonard 17 and Norman Broadbridge 20.

Pope was in irresistible form with the ball and took 6 for 27 to finish off the innings in quick time.

It is possible that the early dismissal of Mulcahy and Lay had a demoralising effect on the remainder of the K.C.C. batsmen, who are wont to see this pair knock the bowling off its length.

In any event, Baxter and Goodban were the only two to make anything like a showing. Baxter batted durably for 23, scored out of 48 in 36 minutes, and Goodban was only dismissed in trying to force the pace when the last man arrived; that was as far as K.C.C. resistance went!

THRILLS IN CLOSING STAGES

Civil Service secured their first points on Saturday, at the expense of University, but only by the skin of their teeth, the margin of victory being three runs!

The Valley batsmen were not impressive in the early stages and five wickets were down for 45, of which K. J. Attwell made 17 bright runs, and H. E. Strange a dour 18, scored out of 45 in 37 minutes. The later batsmen, however, did well and, with Wright, Stone, Lockhart and Buckle all running into double-figures, the total reached 113.

Smith and Soares were always difficult to play and they altered the wickets between them.

University batsmen faced badly against varied bowling by Buckle, Bond and Fenton but, despite a great effort by Fong Choy, who hit 40, they were out for 113.

At the time of writing, only one over was left to be bowled, and the total was only three short!

ANGLO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS ARE BECOMING WORSE

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London, To-day.

DESPITE REPORTS current here yesterday that Sir William Seeds, British Ambassador to Russia, will be returning to Moscow next month, diplomatic circles here seriously doubt whether this will be possible.

Russian relations with Britain and France are constantly deteriorating and development of the Finnish conflict is only increasing the gap between Moscow and the Allies.

The Allies are determined to help the Scandinavians against aggression, and development of the Soviet operations might call for intensified help to Finland.

It is reliably asserted that the question of sending French, British and Polish volunteers to Finland has already been discussed although foreign press rumours of the despatching of an expeditionary corps to Petsamo are inaccurate.

SUPREME COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

Well informed circles believe that the next Supreme Allied Council will discuss most important questions in connection with the Finnish problem. In these circumstances Sir William Seeds' return to Moscow will be decided only if evidence exists that it cannot be interpreted as a change of Allied pro-Finnish policies.—Havas.

OPPOSED TO FINN LOAN

Washington, To-day.

Senator Pat Harrison yesterday came out in flat opposition to the proposal for a Government loan to Finland and an increase in the capital of the Import and Export Bank.

He said such action would be unneutral and would create a precedent for loans to other belligerents.—Reuter.

WINGSANG AFFAIR

Shanghai, To-day.

Written representations were handed over personally by the British naval authorities to the Japanese this morning concerning the detention and search of the steamer Wingsang.—Reuter.

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Paris, To-day.

Hitler's speech is regarded in official and other well-informed circles as adding practically nothing new.

It is thought the speech indicates that the German military authorities are not yet prepared to forsake the path of caution and are anxious to have more time for diplomatic preparation.

It is pointed out that nothing was said of Russia as a war ally. On the other hand the reference to Italy is noted, and it is thought that Hitler, on the eve of the Balkan Entente conference, had obvious reasons to remind Italy of her old friend.—Reuter.

Cape Town, To-day.

General Smuts, Prime Minister, in the House of Senate declared that the entry of the Union of South Africa in the war was in line with the policy which he and other members of the Previous Government frequently enunciated before September namely that the Union should stand by Britain if she were attacked. He was convinced that Hitler would after gaining Poland endeavour to obtain South West Africa.

South Africa had no chance of defending South West Africa if Britain stood aside and the British Fleet did not protect the Union's coast.

General Smuts was speaking on the motion "That the upper house confirms the war policy."—Reuter.

Three cases of smallpox, two of diphtheria, two of chickenpox, and two of dysentery were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ending yesterday. There were also 12 cases of tuberculosis.

London, To-day.

Captain John Mackenzie, of the Gloucester Regiment, has been awarded the M.C. for conspicuous daring and resource while leading a patrol in front of the German lines. He led two patrols in one night, scattering one and bringing back German dead from the other, with no casualties among the British.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

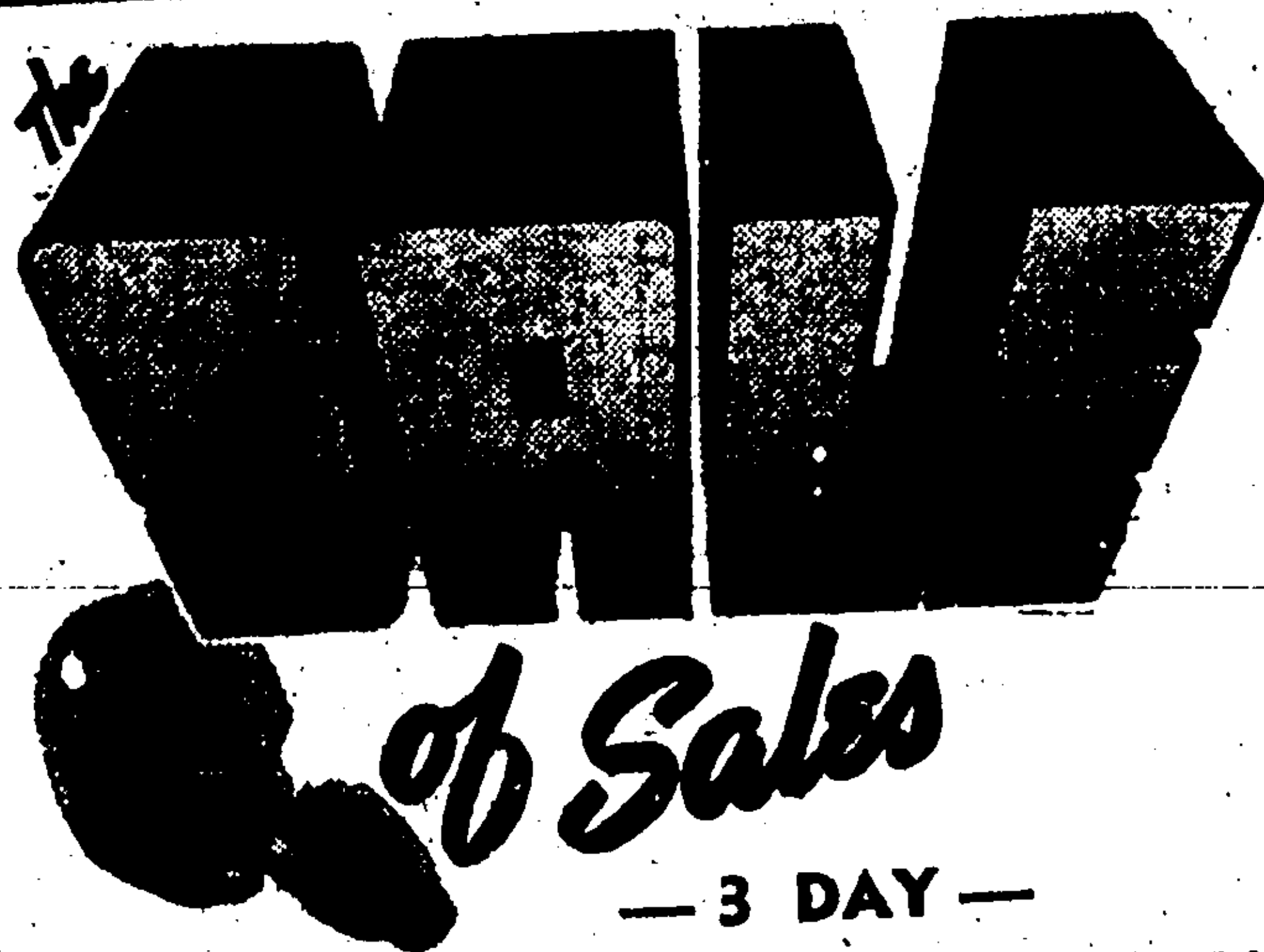
"The Times," in an editorial on Hitler's speech, says the tirade of boasts, threats and hatred is only interesting as an example of the systematic mendacity on which the German morale is apparently built up and as displaying fear of the Allied aims.

The "Daily Telegraph" says the screams last night were shrill and the abuse parodied itself. The more often Hitler makes such speeches the swifter the twilight of Hitlerism will darken. Each shriek betrays a dread of British power and a consciousness of inferiority in the contest he has provoked.—Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.

Fierce fighting is raging at Rasti, Central Finland, where the Finns have been entrenched since the end of December. This promises to be one of the most important battles yet fought in this sector.—Reuter.

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